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GOVERNMENT WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE GOVERNED IS IMPOSSIBLE.



MR. LLOYD GEORGE: You know, we cannot go on paying this week by week for ever.
MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL: Well, then, you will have to let her out. (And he did.)

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To the brave women who to-day are fighting for freedom: to the noble women who all down the ages kept the flag flying and looked forward to this day without seeing it: to all women all over the world, of whatever race, or creed, or calling, whether they be with us or against us in this fight, we dedicate this paper.

THE OUTLOOK.

On Friday last the Inland Revenue Department stated they had no wish to detain Miss Clemence Housman longer in prison, and she was accordingly released after having suffered just one week's imprisonment. The utter futility of coercion in the face of strong conviction was never better illustrated. The Government had attempted to overcome Miss

Housman's conscientious scruple against paying taxes, while women are unrepresented, by applying force to her. They found that, instead of securing their end, they were simply piling up a bill of expenses, and the longer they kept her in prison the bigger this bill would be. One week was sufficient to prove to them that they were up against something stronger than they knew, and they saw fit to give way.

Miss Housman on the Duty of Obedience.

In consequence of her release the protest demonstration which had been fixed for Saturday was converted into a gathering of congratulation upon the victory won. Miss Housman herself took part, and in her speech referred to Holloway as the only "polling booth" to which she was allowed admittance. Other speakers included Miss Christabel Pankhurst, Mrs. Kineton Parkes, and Mrs. Despard. Miss Housman was also present at the London Pavilion on Monday afternoon, where she made an impressive speech on the motives which had actuated her in the conflict. Obedience, said Miss Housman, is one of the duties of a citizen, but more important is the responsibility of a citizen to choose whom to obey. It is the duty of a citizen to obey what he conceives to be the fundamental principles of the Constitution, and to disregard laws made in defiance of these principles.

The Outcome of the Vote.

Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, in her speech at the London Pavilion, illustrated the attitude of women by com-

paring their position with that of Roman Catholics under the penal laws. She showed also that improvement of the conditions of men followed upon enfranchisement in 1832 and 1867, and pointed out how much women had won in Australia since they had got the vote. Lady Constance Lytton described the favourable signs of the times, and remarked upon the fact that the new spirit of comradeship among women was permeating every class. Turning to the Fair and Fête, she told of the self-sacrificing service of a friend of hers, a working woman, who had devoted hours stolen from the night to preparing a gift for one of the stalls. Miss Christabel Pankhurst twitted the anti-Suffragists with being out of date, and reminded them that the younger generation of women were not content to be moulded on the old pattern which men had laid down, but intended to have the freedom to develop along the lines of true and dignified womanhood.

Bravo Scotland!

The General Council of the Scottish Liberal Federation, by a majority of 80 to 32, have carried a resolution urging that the Scottish members should support the Conciliation Bill as the best solution of the question of woman suffrage. The debate, according to the *Manchester Guardian*, was the most interesting of the two days' conference of the Council. The opposition took the form of an amendment, proposing that the question of woman suffrage should be delayed until a General Reform Bill was introduced into the House of Com-

mons. This amendment was supported by a well-known anti-Suffragist on the plea that the Conciliation Bill was undemocratic. The large majority for the original resolution shows the great and growing hold which woman suffrage has on the progressive mind of the Scottish Liberals, and marks the recognition that the Conciliation Bill provides a satisfactory solution.

Cabinet Ministers and the Bill.

Mr. Haldane, speaking at Aberdeen on Monday, said that, in his opinion, Woman Suffrage was inevitable. It was too late to discuss the principle as an open question after the extension of the recognition of women in other spheres of government. Mr. Winston Churchill has not yet declared his attitude towards the present Conciliation Bill. During his recent visit to Dundee an attempt was made to obtain an interview with him on the subject, but to no purpose. He, however, promised to let them know his views before the Second Reading of the Bill is taken next year. It will be remembered that Mr. Churchill adversely criticised the Bill of 1910, but the present Bill has been modified in several ways with the view of meeting this criticism. During Mr. McKenna's visit to Wales Miss Barrett, the W.S.P.U. organiser, took the opportunity of attending one of his meetings and asking him a question at question time as to his attitude on the Conciliation Bill. Mr. McKenna attempted to cloak his opposition to woman suffrage under the plea that he did not like the Bill, but when challenged for the ground of his objection refused, in spite of the evident desire of the audience to understand his position, to give any reason for his dislike.

Mr. Lloyd George's Tactics.

We have received several inquiries for our authority for the statement made by Miss Pankhurst in our leading article last week that at a meeting of M.P.'s shortly before the summer recess Mr. Lloyd George expressed the view

(1) That the Conciliation Bill amended in the manner he advocates would become a measure which could not be carried through its third reading except by the Government.

(2) That the third reading of this amended measure would not be carried next Session.

The meeting was held in the House of Commons on July 23, and was not officially reported in the papers, but the substance of Mr. Lloyd George's remarks was reported to us by Members of Parliament who were present on that occasion, and the above statements were included in their account of his speech. As Mr. Lloyd George is going to speak at the Whitfield Tabernacle to-morrow (Saturday) we hope he will take the opportunity of making a further statement concerning his attitude towards the Conciliation Bill.

The Pit-Brow Lassies.

The miners have not abandoned their attempt to oust women from employment at the pit brow. At the conference of the Miners' Federation at Southport a resolution was carried in favour of retaining in the Mines Bill the clause excluding women which was passed in July in Committee. In defending this resolution Mr. Smilie, the president, showed the cloven hoof by the following remark:—

They were not ashamed for wishing to keep women off the pit bank, from this laborious, unhealthy employment, in order that many of their elderly men might find employment when they were no longer able to do full work underground.

Mr. Harvey, M.P., said that the right place for women was in the home. Now everyone knows that at the present day there are large numbers of women who are obliged to go out to work to earn wages, and those who have studied the matter carefully state emphatically that the work of the pit-brow girls is not unduly hard nor prejudicial to health; on the contrary, it is shown by a great deal of evidence to be far more healthy than many other occupations in which women are engaged. The attempt to deprive women of their right to earn a living in the way most suited to them is an evidence of masculinism which can only be held in check by securing for women a share in the political power of the country.

The Woman's Platform in the "Standard."

The page devoted each day in the *Standard* to the Woman's Platform has provided a very great deal of interesting reading. We have been especially struck by the assistance rendered to our cause by the articles of our opponents. There has been an air of the forlorn hope about their presentment of the case which has been highly encouraging. As to their arguments, we have found them to consist of two kinds. In the first place, they have shown themselves not merely anti-woman Suffragist, but anti-Suffragist altogether—that is to say, they have shown a distrust of allowing any but a few of the élites to have any say in the government of the country. On the other hand, they justify their own political record by proclaiming themselves "exceptional women" of completely different attainments from the ordinary women of the country.

"The World" Opens its Columns.

In response to a letter from a correspondent, the well-known weekly paper, *The World*, has decided to open its columns to the wider interests of women, and particularly to a discussion on Woman Suffrage. In an editorial note the Editor says:—

It is ridiculous to talk of "sex-warfare" and "unwomanliness," and so on in connection with the Woman's Movement. The welfare of the women of England, as well as that of their children, is involved in it. To have to say it again is wearisome; yet, also, it is necessary to reiterate with monotonous persistence that the question of votes for women is not merely a political one. We believe that the new departure will be valuable to the

World as well as to women. Our readers will not forget that *M.A.P.* has devoted for some time an interesting page to suffrage news.

The Churches and Woman Suffrage.

The presence of a large number of delegates from all over the country, in connection with the Church Congress, was taken advantage of by the Church Suffrage League on Thursday in last week to hold an important meeting on Woman Suffrage at Hanley. The Mayor of Stoke presided, and the speakers were the Bishop of Lincoln and Lord Lytton. The Bishop of Lincoln said that there was an increasing demand for social legislation, and Acts of Parliament were being passed relating to children; such Acts ought not to be carried without consulting the women of the country. A resolution was passed declaring woman suffrage to be "essential to the moral and material welfare of the Empire." At Nottingham, on Tuesday, where the Congregational Union have been holding their seventy-second Autumn Assembly, a meeting on woman suffrage was organised by the Free Church League, and addressed by the Rev. Rhonda Williams, Miss Christabel Pankhurst, and Mr. J. M. Mitchell. A large number of delegates to the Assembly attended the meeting.

The National Union of Women Workers.

Space prevents us from giving adequate attention to the interesting Conference of women workers, which is meeting daily during the present week in Glasgow. Lady Laura Ridding delivered the presidential address on Tuesday, and the principal papers dealt with Housing, Sanitation, Penal Reform, and the Press. A scurrilous attack on Suffragists was made by Lady Griselda Cheape, who alleged that a woman had been offered a guinea a week to assault a policeman, and who professed to believe that the suffrage agitation led to immoral results. Her speech roused great resentment in the Conference.

The Christmas Fair and Fete.

The attention of our readers is specially directed towards the forthcoming Christmas Fair and Fete, which will be held in the Portman Rooms, Baker-street, W., from December 4 to 9. The scheme has aroused great interest, and has drawn into the circle of workers many who have hitherto remained outside the Suffrage movement. It must be the special enterprise of all the members and friends of the Union to increase the circle of helpers and also to secure wide publicity for this week of festivity. A great opportunity will be offered for touching an entirely new set of people and introducing them to the movement under the most pleasant auspices. Portman Rooms will become for the time being the interior of a market hall of the eighteenth century. The walls will be adorned with Miss Sylvia Pankhurst's beautiful decorative panels. The architectural scheme is designed by the same artist. Leading artists have come forward most generously and have undertaken the entertainments in the theatre, and amongst them this week is to be found the name of Madame Liza Lehmann. Handbills, giving other particulars, have been printed, and can now be obtained from the W.S.P.U., 4, Clements' Inn. A full list of stalls will be found on page 26, and all friends of the movement are asked to scan this list, select the stalls which they are able to help, and to work themselves and secure the help of their friends. Thus by united co-operation the Christmas Fair and Fete will become memorable amongst the records of success already achieved by the Union.

Items of Interest.

The long-awaited referendum of men on woman suffrage was taken in California on Tuesday last. Up to the time of going to press the result was not known. The following telegram was sent by the W.S.P.U. to the President of the California Equal Suffrage League:—"Good luck to the Woman's cause."

The Merioneth Congregational Association this week passed resolutions supporting the Conciliation Bill as a fair and just measure of Women's Suffrage.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Next Monday afternoon the meeting at 3.15 p.m. in the London Pavilion, Piccadilly Circus, will be addressed by Mrs. Pethick Lawrence and Miss Christabel Pankhurst, L.L.B. Miss Edyth Olive, of the Actresses' Franchise League, has also kindly consented to recite. Mrs. Mansell Moullin and Mr. F. W. Pethick Lawrence will address the meeting at the Steinway Hall on Thursday, October 19, at 8 p.m. Both these meetings are held weekly and admission is free. Weekly meetings are also held in all centres where the Union is represented, (see page 27 *et seq.*)

The Great Albert Hall Meeting.

Five weeks to the great Albert Hall meeting on November 16! Members of the W.S.P.U. are invited to secure their tickets without delay. Prices: Stalls, 2s. 6d.; Arena, Blocks A. and F., 2s. (these have now been sold out); Blocks B. C. D. and E., 1s. Lower orchestra, 2s.; Balcony, first two rows, 1s., other rows, 6d.; Upper orchestra, 6d.; Boxes, £1 10s., £1 1s., and 12s. 6d. Tickets may be had of Miss Cooke, Ticket Secretary, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements' Inn, Strand, W.C. Stewards are needed and should send in their names at once to Miss Hambling, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements' Inn. *Members only are eligible.*

Important Meetings Next Week.

Among the many important meetings arranged for next week are the following:—Mrs. Pethick Lawrence at the Town Hall, Pontypool, on Thursday, October 19; Temperance Hall, Newport, on Friday, October 20; Miss Christabel Pankhurst at Hazelwood Lane School, Winchmore Hill, on Monday, October 16; Mansion House (Round Room), Dublin, on Tuesday, October 17; Town Hall, Galway, on Wednesday, October 18; Irish Parliamentary Branch of the United Irish League, 10, Adelphi Terrace, Strand, on October 20. Miss Vida Goldstein at Charing Cross Hall, Glasgow, to-day (Friday), and at the Oddfellows' Hall, Kilmarnock, to-night (Friday); Victoria Galleries, Leicester, on Monday, October 16; Co-operative Hall, Market Harborough, on Tuesday, October 17; Central Hall, Wellington on Wednesday, October 18. Lord Lytton, who has arranged an extensive programme of meetings, will speak at Leicester on October 16; at Ipswich, on October 18; at Godalming on October 19.

AT THE LONDON PAVILION.

The Winter Session of the Women's Social and Political Union opened with a protest meeting against the imprisonment of Miss Clemence Housman. The meeting at the London Pavilion on Monday last was one of rejoicing at her release. After one short week the Government had been forced to admit the unconstitutional character of their action, and to set at liberty the woman whom they had imprisoned for defending the fundamental principle of the Constitution that taxation and representation should go together.

Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, who was in the chair, explained, for the benefit of newcomers, the objects and methods of the Women's Social and Political Union, and the meaning of the Woman's Movement. The agitation for the vote, she said, was based on women's love of their country, the wish to take their stand side by side with men in the good government of the country, and a desire to improve the terrible conditions under which so many of their sex were forced to exist. Some people thought that the vote was not much use. It would not, she agreed, be a great benefit to any individual to have her name on the register. But the enfranchisement of women meant the inclusion of a section of the community hitherto entirely unrepresented. It had always been the case that when any section of the community was disfranchised it suffered through its political helplessness. The Roman Catholics had found it so, the working men of the country had found it so, and now, when women wanted to assist the downtrodden and helpless of their sex, to improve the condition of the sweated workers, and to do away with the social evils so rife in our midst to-day, they found that they too were fettered by the lack of that political power which the possession of the vote alone can give. Women were determined that this fetter should be broken, and that women as well as men should be free to work for the good of their country, for the protection of their lives, and for the uplifting of humanity.

Miss Housman, who on rising to speak was loudly cheered, said she had been a week in Holloway, and did not know under what law she had been convicted or under what law she had been released. The action of the authorities was very erratic. Some women refused to pay their taxes and nothing was said, others were threatened with imprisonment, while she had been sent to Holloway under no definite sentence, and after a week's imprisonment she had been released, though the tax for which she was assessed still remained unpaid. She thought it would be more worthy of a free and civilised country if the law were made clear. One sign of the great advance which the women's movement had made was the fact that she had been put in the first division. It was a recognition, fought and suffered for by Suffragists for many years, that the women engaged in this constitutional struggle were fighting for a great principle; that at last, in the eyes of the Government, they were citizens fighting for their liberty in the best and only way they could. Suffragists heard much about the duty of obedience to the law. She considered obedience a duty, but not the first duty. The first duty of every intelligent human being was responsibility. Women were fighting for the vote because they had awakened to that sense of responsibility without which obedience was worse than useless.

Lady Constance Lytton, in paying a tribute to Miss Housman's courageous protest said when they saw a lady used entirely and exclusively to private life stepping into the great public arena, knowing that the eyes of women throughout the world were upon her, it was magnificent. For the sake of a great principle Miss Housman had been ready to do a thing antipathetic to her whole nature. She wished to offer to her, in the name not only of herself, but of every Suffragist, tremendous respect and admiration. The prospect of victory had never been so great as it was to-day. One of the ways in which that victory could be brought nearer, Lady Constance continued, was by making the Christmas Fair and Fete a great success. This was a means not only of raising money for the cause, but also of leading people into the very heart of the movement. While working for her stall she had obtained valuable offers of assistance from many women whose services she could not otherwise have secured. She appealed to everyone in the audience not only to work for the Fete themselves, but to bring in all their friends to help. The Christmas Fair and Fete ought to be a splendid raking-in ground for women who had not yet joined the movement.

Miss Christabel Pankhurst said she had been delighted to see the articles written by opponents of women's enfranchisement in the "Woman's Platform" in the *Standard*. They showed the futility and hollowness of the whole anti-Suffrage case. The key to their position was the theory of the exceptional woman. The anti-Suffragist ladies who wrote these articles did not want the average woman to vote. They preferred the rule of the few privileged and, in their opinion, exceptional women. She was inclined to believe that the favoured circumstances of these ladies were more exceptional than their talents. There were many so-called average women who could do as well with the same opportunities. "As a matter of fact," Miss Pankhurst continued, "no one to-day knows what the average woman really is, because she has never been given freedom to develop. The woman of to-day is half woman and half the creature that men have moulded her to be. Women have always had to conform to standards set them by men. Men have had political and social liberty, and they have created public opinion. It will not be until women are able to live up to their own standard—or rather the standard set them by some higher power—that anyone will really know what woman is like." Turning to the political situation, Miss Pankhurst said there was great ground for hope and confidence. Women Suffragists had the opportunity of their lives, and they were going to make the most of it.

Miss Christabel Pankhurst is writing an article for an early issue of *The Woman Teacher's World*.

WHY WOMEN TEACHERS DEMAND THE VOTE.

A speech made by Miss Jane Craig, L.L.A., before the Birkenhead Association of Teachers, at which the Resolution, expressing sympathy with those members of the N.U.T. who, desiring to exercise the Parliamentary Franchise, are debarred by reason of sex, was passed.

We teachers are the practical educationists in England, and we are spending and giving our lives for the children of the country. I think the best way to define our position is, that we are the *mental parents* of the country. The physical parents see to the food and clothing of the children (more or less), but mentally, and often spiritually, they retire, and we teachers are forced to undertake the "parental mental responsibility" of all the children in the land.

The children are handed over to our care in infancy, and we aid and direct them in designing, moulding, and building their own mental structure. We are in the very closest contact with them for half their waking hours for nine years of their lives—during all these years we stand absolutely for the mental development of those children.

The Science of Government.

Now as politics is the science of government and everything connected with school life is decided by Government, then surely everything relating to school life is a *political matter*, in that it must be taken to, and go through, Parliament in exactly the same way as any other political matter. Not the slightest improvement in educational legislation can be effected without incessant and strenuous fighting, so that it takes years often to effect one iota of improvement.

The proof that we as a Union have thoroughly realised this position of education in politics is that we have teacher representatives in Parliament and pay their salary. We have a Parliamentary Committee of the Executive. Again, every local Association has a Parliamentary Correspondent, and this Correspondent must be, when possible, a *Voter* of the Constituency in order to make his communications the more effective with the M.P.

Why political? Because Parliament decides on issues which vitally affect us as teachers throughout our career, and which affect the present and future welfare of our scholars. For example, it decides on the nature and training given to student teachers—the nature of examination which will admit to training college—the training to be received therein—it grants and withdraws the certificate enabling us to teach—decides the amount of our superannuation and breakdown allowance—frames codes which deal with the kind of instruction to be given in our schools—decides when children must come to school—appoints inspectors to see that the regulations are carried out—decides on the maximum number of children that a teacher may be called upon to teach—deals with school buildings—ventilation—floor space—playground accommodation—heating—lighting—conditions of grant to housewifery—cooking, laundry, needlework. The last named and the instruction of infants are surely things in which women should have a deciding voice.

Regarding the making of the laws relating to the above, the parents, if not callously ignorant, are quite indifferent. Their arrangement and management is left to the mercy of the theorists of the Education Department. Time and again results have proved how mistaken this department has been in its management. This is the point where we, as practical educationists, come in. This is where our fight is. *We know the children better than any branch of Government.* We, I say, are the "mental parents," and here we take our stand and fight for all we are worth for the good of the children. This is, and must be, a political warfare, and the only weapon of any use is the Parliamentary vote. By this, and this alone, can reforms be brought about, wrongs redressed, education made human.

All the men teachers possess that power if they care to qualify. All the women teachers are helpless—utterly helpless and powerless. The whole section of infant education is unrepresented by a single vote.

The teachers in girls' and mixed departments realise the reforms necessary in their case better than I do, but I can speak for infant teachers. Why should it be necessary for infant teachers to qualify *twice* whilst teachers in the other departments need qualify only *once*? Teachers who intend to devote themselves to infant work are forced by law to pass the same examinations as the senior teachers, and when these infant teachers come to seek employment the most important question asked is, "Have you the Froebel Certificates? If not, do you intend to work for them?" The Government certificate, which qualifies for work in any elementary school, is quite a secondary consideration.

If the Froebel Certificates are so superior to the Certificate of the Government, why then are they not made the basis of the scheme of work for infant teachers? Their valuable time is thus wasted in College and Certificate Classes, where the absolutely necessary training for infant work is but slightly touched upon. This injustice must be removed. An alteration in the system of training is absolutely necessary, but as infant teachers are women with no votes, of course the Education Department can persist in refusing to put matters on a fairer basis.

The State and the Infant.

As to the infants themselves—the law regulating their admission to school is so educationally bad;

(they must come as their fifth birthday falls due, instead of coming all together at the beginning of the school year), that it really manufactures from 60 to 75 per cent. of the dunces and backward children of the country. There is neither common sense nor one scrap of educational insight exercised by Parliament and the Board of Education with reference to the beginning of school life. Here, again, we are powerless.

It is interesting to note that men teachers (the voters) never suffer in this way. The masters present would soon undertake a deputation to Whitehall itself if their Standard I. went up to them in ones, and twos, and threes as their birthdays fell due. They would never tolerate a condition of things which infant teachers have to endure by Act of Parliament. Now we demand our vote to alter this, not only for the good of the children in infant schools, but to have the opportunity of preparing a much better foundation for work in the upper standards.

Surely the domestic side of education should be largely in the hands and under the direction of women experts. The present system of domestic training in schools has proved almost futile in benefitting the homes of the country, and this, in spite of the enormous sums of money spent in carrying it on. Most domestic experts are agreed that this training, after nearly 40 years' trial, is almost valueless in after-life. Millions of homes in the country are in a deplorable condition, a state of things which ought to be, and could be, infinitely better if the domestic training were differently given. This can only be done by Act of Parliament. If the family life of the country is to be saved—if homes, and home life and children's lives are to be improved—it can best be done by women who have the power of the Vote.

When men have anything important to do they are given years to prepare for it. In order to *kill* effectively a man is trained by the Government as a soldier for years; but to *maintain life* the women section of the community are granted no training at all except muddling about for two years as children. Men would never trust to the training which boys get as *scouts*, to guard the Empire when they were men, yet this is exactly what is done to the girls of the present day who must shoulder the responsibilities of womanhood.

Again, take the latest Government craze in schools—viz., the management of babies. How ridiculous! Why add yet more burdens to schoolgirls' lives? If their mothers know all about babies, this is unnecessary; if the mothers do not know, it is still more hopeless. The danger is that between being worried with babies at home and worried about babies at school, the girls will come to have an absolute dread of everything connected with babies!

We all agree that a death rate of 110 per 1,000 babies under one year is simply appalling; but is worrying school children the best way to remedy this? We women do not think so.

Consider again. If in the agricultural industry calves, or foals, or pigs were dying at the rate of 110 per 1,000, what would happen? The country would be up in arms; Parliament would be holding Royal Commissions, experts would be welcomed and interviewed in this and other countries in order to stop this disastrous state of things. I ask you, would the Government decide that the best thing to do was to give a few lessons and talks to the cow boys and stable boys from 12 to 14 years of age? Yet this is what is being done over infant mortality. You see there is no money value in a baby, and the women of the country have no votes to force imperative and necessary legislation. As this is one of the most important phases of education, it is imperative in the welfare of the nation that the women get a voice in this, and this can only be by the acquisition of the Parliamentary vote.

Now, we meet together often, and talk largely about reforms, and advance, and educational freedom—how can we go forward when one half is helplessly bound? It only keeps back the other half. I wish to make it clear that I cast no reflection on the men. On the contrary, I am glad to express my very sincere admiration of, and gratitude to, the men for the tremendous work done by the pioneers of the Union, and so valiantly carried on by the men of the present day. I tender them my most sincere gratitude, and frankly confess that the women have done very little in the past compared with the men, also that the men have been splendid champions for the women. But all the more because the women before us did not do their share do we now want to do ours. We recognise that as the "Mental Mothers" we have a heavy responsibility, to shirk which would be cowardly. We should not be worthy of the name of woman if we were not prepared to fight and struggle for better days and better ways for the children entrusted to us. So as men and women, with equal responsibilities, and equal interest in the children, we will, shoulder to shoulder, each encouraging the other and glorying in our progress, double our power, when woman has a real voice in the education of the race.

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STALLS FOR THE FAIR.

In response to general requests for further information about the stalls for the Christmas Fair and Fête, sketches of two types of stall are shown here.

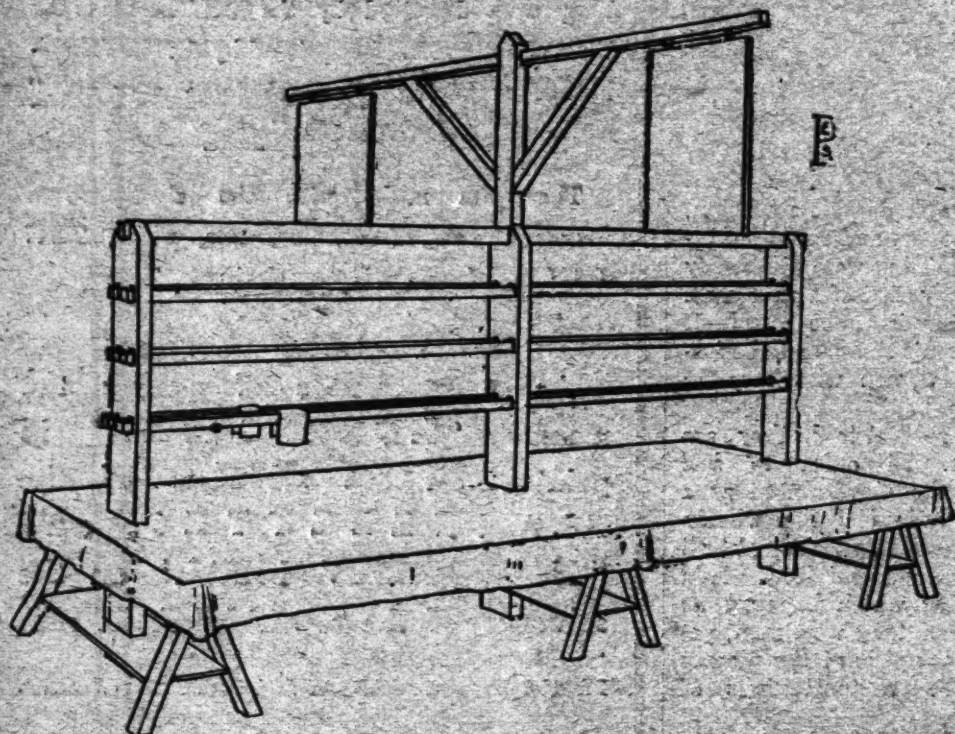
Sketch 1 shows one of the stalls that are 10 ft. long and 5 ft. wide, the front being allocated to one stallholder and the back to another. The table of the stall is 2 ft. 6 ins. high. The rack which goes down the centre rises to a height of 7 ft. from the ground—that is to say, it stands 4 ft. 6 ins. above the table. It will be seen that this rack is fitted with six rails, three on one side and three on the other. The little cloths which are represented as hanging over these rails are put there to explain the fact that there is a double set of three rails. The three rails on the front would belong to one stallholder and three rails on the back to the other. Book-sellers and other stallholders who would prefer to have shelves instead of these rails, and stallholders who would like to have a shelf under the stall table for storing goods, should apply to headquarters at once.

Sketch 2 shows one of the stalls which are 5 ft. square. In this type of stall the stall table is, as before, 2 ft. 6 ins. high. The rails, which will be useful for hanging goods

standard for the signs rises to a height of about 10 ft. 6 ins. from the ground, so that the bottom of the stall sign will be at a height of 7 ft. from the ground, in order to well clear the heads of the passers-by. The arm of the standard will be 4 ft. 6 ins. long, so that the sign may hang out beyond the edge of the stall table. The measurement of the sign should be somewhere about 2 ft. long by 3 ft. wide. If a painted signboard is chosen it will be found that an "imperial" drawing-board, the size of which is 31 ins. by 23 ins., will prove very suitable for this purpose, as drawing-boards are carefully made not to buckle or split. A screw hook and eye for hanging to the sign will be already attached to the standard. It is not necessary, however, that the sign should be a picture painted on a square board. Any suitable device or object may be hung out. The holders of the children's stall, for instance, intend to hang out a baby's cradle, surmounted by an embroidered label with the word "Wimbleton," the name of their locality, upon it. Some kind of toy might suitably be hung out from the toy stall—for instance, a Dutch doll sitting on a wooden horse and carrying a miniature purple, white,

or merchants' company to which they would have belonged had they lived in medieval days, or should use the arms of the locality to which their stall belongs. If it is decided to have a painted sign, this need not be in the form of a rectangular board, but can be circular or oval if the stallholder so prefers. It need not be in the form of a solid board. The figures might be cut out in silhouette, as

eccentricities of lettering, and any approach to what is called "New Art." Simple Roman letters have already been used in the wall decoration, and I should be glad to have these adhered to throughout the whole of the scheme. It will be noted that in this form of lettering "O" is round, or nearly so, and "Q, C, G, D" approximate to it, the outside of the "O" being nearly a perfect circle, and



from, are 6 ft. high all round, the centre crossbar being 6 ft. 6 ins. high. These rails are slanted so as to project 6 ins. beyond the edge of the stall table. In the centre of the stall it will be seen that there is a tier of step-like shelves. There is a space of 1 ft. 6 ins. at the top of the stall table before the first step is reached. This first step is 9 ins. high and 6 ins. wide. The second step is 6 ins. high and 1 ft. across.

Sketch 3 shows a section of these stalls and the top of the stall table. Stallholders who have been allotted half a 10-ft. stall—that is to say, a space of 10 ft. by 2 ft. 6 ins.—may have a step shelf fitted in front of the central rack by paying 3s. for it.

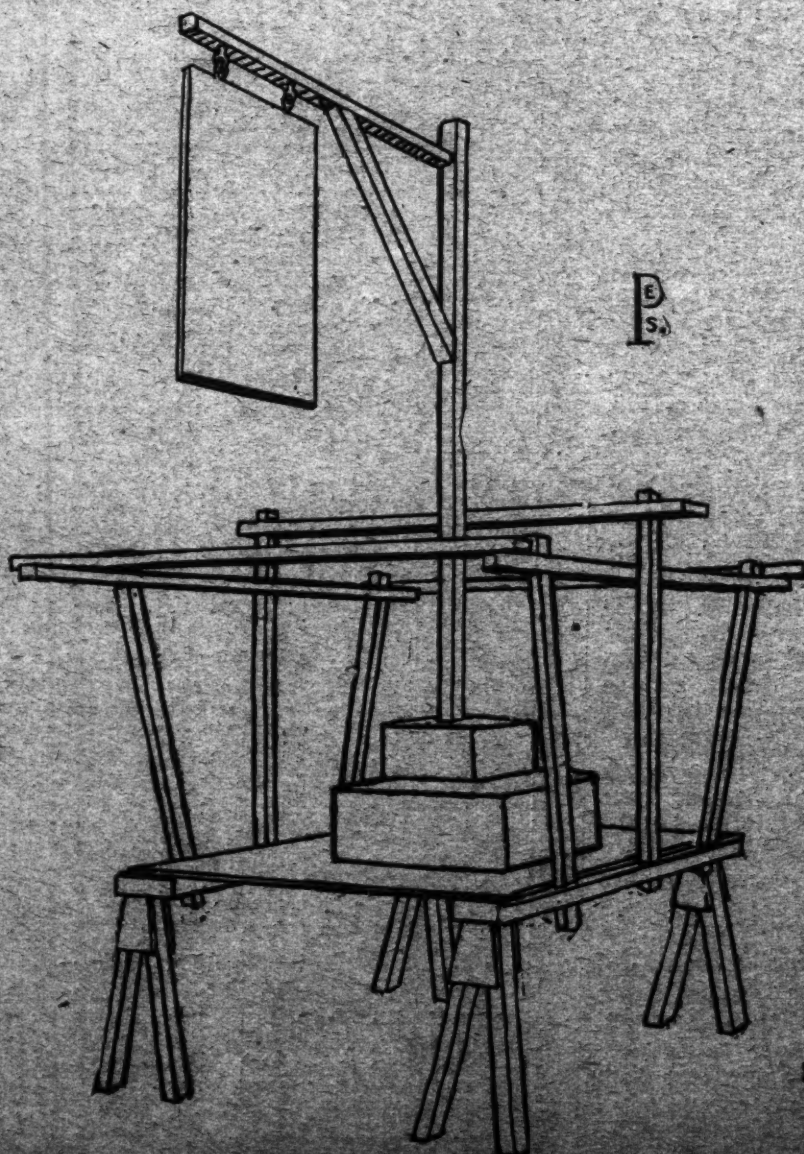
From the centre of each type of stall the

and green banner, or a Noah's Ark, which is frequently seen over toy shops.

The artists who are to make the quick portrait sketches might well display a palette, but some explanatory words, such as "Portrait Sketches Made Here," would probably be needed.

The sweet stall might have a painted sign of a woman making sweets, or they might simply hang out a sugar-loaf, with its blue paper wrapping. A hint might be taken from "The Blue Bird," and the soul of the sugar-loaf might be shown either as a dummy or painted on a sign.

Stallholders whose goods do not easily lend themselves to illustration should either find out and apply the arms of the trade guild



one sees them in Bavarian and Tyrolean toys. All signs must be painted on both sides, and care must be taken that they shall not be transparent when hanging up against the light.

The committee at headquarters are providing a simple standard, as shown in the accompanying sketches, for all the stalls, but if any stallholders are able to provide for themselves wrought iron standards we shall be glad that these should be substituted. The sign itself would look exceedingly beautiful if also carried out in wrought ironwork.

May we ask that sign-writers will avoid all

the "C" being formed of a circle with a piece cut out and the ends thickened. "M, W, H, V, A, N, V, T, Z" are practically square, and "B, E, F, S, P, Y, I, J, K, L" are narrow letters, being generally, except "I," about half their own height. The crossbars of the letters ought to be near the apparent centre of the letter, and the thick strokes about double the width of the thin strokes. No better example of lettering for this purpose could be studied than that of the Trajan Column, reproductions of which are easily procured.

E. Sylvia Pankhurst.

CABINET MINISTERS AND THE CONCILIATION BILL.

VISCOUNT HALDANE.

Viscount Haldane, Secretary for War, in a speech at Aberdeen on Monday night, said that Women's Suffrage in his opinion was inevitable. It was too late to discuss the principle as an open question after the extension of the recognition of women in other spheres of government. Suppose, he said, devolution takes place; suppose Imperial affairs are left to the Imperial Parliament, and local matters affecting Scotland, England, and Wales are to be left to local Parliaments, are you to exclude women from these local Parliaments which are not concerned with the Imperial Army and Navy? Are you to shut out women from these Parliaments? You cannot do it consistently after what you have done about local government and education. And when that devolution is taking place, and many of you who are against women's suffrage mean it shall take place, how is it possible to draw a distinction between that and the important residuum that remains? I say not only that I do not believe you can withstand the argument with the democracy for women's suffrage, but it is to the good that you should not withstand it—(cheers). I have no fear of our representatives being of a less virile and fighting character—(cheers).

MR. MCKENNA.

Mr. McKenna, the anti-Suffragist Cabinet Minister, has lately been addressing a series of meetings in his constituency. One of these was attended by Miss Rachel Barrett, the W.S.P.U. organiser, and after he had finished a speech dealing with the injustices which the Liberal Government had removed and proposed to remove, she asked him the following question:—"Will Mr. McKenna help to remove an injustice from the taxpaying women of the country by giving his wholehearted support to the Conciliation Bill for Woman Suffrage for which the Prime Minister had promised facilities in the coming session?" The question was heard well all through the hall, as Miss Barrett had chosen a position in the middle of the gallery. As soon as she rose to her feet and the audience realised the nature of her question they clapped and stamped and cheered wildly. When this subsided Mr. McKenna replied that he would not support the Conciliation Bill because it was a bad Bill. Miss Barrett then asked why he considered a Bill bad which received the full support of the chairman of the Welsh Parliamentary Party, Mr. Ellis Griffith, and of the good Liberal sitting on his right, Mr. Walter Roch. He did not answer this at once, and the audience shouted "Answer! Answer! You can't answer; you're afraid to answer!" Mr. McKenna then said, "It will take too long." Miss Barrett replied, "The audience is interested in the subject; they will not find it long, and I am sure I shall not." He did not answer, though the audience again called out to him to do so. Miss Barrett then said, "Will you give your reasons for refusing your support to a measure which has passed its second reading in the House of Commons with an enormous majority in the successive sessions?" Mr. McKenna did not reply, and said something to the chairman, who then called upon the proposer of a vote of thanks. With this the incident closed, having created more interest and excitement than anything else that had occurred at the meeting.

Mr. McKenna is expected to revisit his constituency in the near future, and will then be asked to receive a Woman Suffrage deputation.

MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL.

During his recent visit to Dundee Mr. Winston Churchill was requested by the Women's Social and Political Union organisers

(Miss Fraser Smith) to receive a deputation whose object was to ascertain his attitude towards the Conciliation Bill in its present form. It will be remembered that Mr. Churchill's previous statements had reference to the Conciliation Bill of 1910, and that he has made no statement as to his attitude regarding the Conciliation Bill of 1911, which was altered from its original form largely in order to meet the criticism which he raised in the course of the second reading debate last year. It was arranged that Mr. Churchill should receive the deputation if time permitted, but eventually Miss Fraser Smith was informed that Mr. Churchill's engagements prevented this. Miss Fraser Smith has since written to Mr. Churchill to say that a deputation of Dundee women is prepared to wait upon him in London at any time convenient to himself. The following correspondence has appeared in the *Dundee Advertiser* (October 6):—

Sir,—The following questions were sent by post to Mr. Churchill at the Kinross and Gifford Halls on Tuesday and Wednesday by the Dundee Freedom League, copies also to the chairman of each meeting:—1. Will you vote for the Conciliation Bill and oppose all amendments likely to prevent this measure passing into law? 2. If your answer is in the negative please give your reasons. Since Mr. Churchill received the W.F.L. deputation last December the situation has changed. The Conciliation Bill has been made more democratic by the removal of the £10 qualification. A canvass last spring showed that in Dundee of the women who would qualify under the Bill 89 per cent. would be working women. Besides all this, the W.F.L. has suspended its anti-Government policy, so that our attitude towards Mr. Churchill in the future depends a great deal on his answer to our questions. Last night a placard outside the Gifford Hall announced "Public admitted" to Mr. Churchill's meeting "after 7.45." At 7.50 another member of the W.F.L. and myself were refused admission by the Liberal organiser. We called his attention to the placard, but without success. I feel sure Mr. Churchill cannot know or approve of such conduct, and expect an apology from him, although not from the official Liberals who surround him in Dundee. It is evident to all that the phrase used was a terminological inexactitude meant to mislead the outside public.—I am, etc., LULA CLUNAS, hon. sec. Dundee Branch W.F.L., October 5, 1911.

P.S.—Since writing the above I have received the following reply from Mr. Churchill:—

Bairdruddery, near Dundee,

October 5, 1911.

Dear Madam,—I am desired by Mr. Churchill to acknowledge the receipt of your letters, and to say that he does not desire at present to add anything to the full statement which he made to various deputations at the time of the General Election, but he realises that you will be entitled to a further statement of his intentions before any Bill dealing with the question of women's franchise comes up for second reading in the House of Commons.—Yours faithfully, S. W. HARRIS.

Miss L. Clunas.

TEXT OF THE CONCILIATION BILL.

1. Every woman possessed of a household qualification within the meaning of The Representation of the People Act (1884), shall be entitled to be registered as a voter, and when registered to vote for the County or Borough in which the qualifying premises are situated.
2. For the purposes of this Act, a woman shall not be disqualified by marriage for being registered as a voter, provided that a husband and wife shall not both be registered as voters in the same Parliamentary Borough or County division.
3. This Act may be cited as The Representation of the People Act, 1911.

MISS CLEMENCE HOUSMAN'S TRIUMPH.

"I do not think Miss Clemence Housman will be very long in Holloway Prison," said Miss Christabel Pankhurst at the Steinway Hall on Thursday last, and a little over twelve hours later Suffragists were delighted to read that Miss Housman had been set free. Miss Housman, it will be remembered, refused to pay inhabited house duty, amounting to 4s. 6d., while women were unenfranchised. After much correspondence with the Inland Revenue Department, covering a period of some months, she was arrested and carried off to prison on Friday, September 29. At most of the meetings held during the week resolutions protesting against her arrest and imprisonment and calling upon the Government to order her immediate release were carried, and copies were sent to the Prime Minister and the Home Secretary. Miss Housman herself, while in Holloway, wrote to Mr. Churchill and asked him to define an "indefinite term of imprisonment." He replied that he could not. Shortly after she received his letter an order was read to her from the Inland Revenue Department saying that she was not to be detained any longer, and about midday on Friday last she was released.

The procession on Saturday, which had originally been organised to demonstrate that Miss Housman had not gone to prison on her own behalf, but on behalf of the womanhood of the country, and to hold a protest meeting outside Holloway Prison, therefore took the form of a procession of triumph. As the hands of the clock neared the hour

case differently, and showed the utmost hesitancy and weakness. The number of women who refused to pay taxes levied by an unrepresentative Government was becoming greater every day.

Mrs. Despard said that the brave action of Miss Housman had drawn women closer together in the bond of comradeship which the movement created. The difficulty which the Government were in with regard to tax resistance was the Nemesis of their treatment of the women's movement. She hoped they would speedily realise that the course they had taken was wrong, and that they would turn back and take that which was right.

Miss Housman, in a telling speech which is fully reported on page 25, contrasted the method used by men in registering a vote with that which she had been forced to adopt in going to Holloway.

Mr. Victor Duval, who spoke on behalf of the Men's Political Union, said they had that day seen that the Government could stand out no longer against the enthusiasm, the fervour, and persistence of a united womanhood, and Miss Adeline Bourne, as a member of the Actresses' Franchise League, said she was glad to be associated with the tax-resistance movement. Members of her profession had, perhaps, more than any other women, the opportunity to refuse to pay their taxes, as they earned their own livings. If every woman who could do so took part in this form of protest the Government would have to give in.

The resolution congratulating Miss Hous-

THE BY-ELECTION.

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W.S.P.U. Organiser: Miss Mary Phillips, 15, Holker Street.

Candidates.

Mr. W. M. Ackworth (C)

Mr. Buckmaster, K.C. (Prob.) (L)

Mr. W. Crawford Anderson (Lab.)

Result at General Election 1910.—Sir J. Briggs (L), Unopposed.

Miss Mary Phillips is at work in the constituency, and has interviewed the Labour and Conservative candidates. Both Mr. Ackworth and Mr. Anderson have promised to support the Conciliation Bill, to oppose widening amendments, and the Labour candidate has also promised to mention the subject in his election address. The attitude of the Women's Social and Political Union will depend upon the position adopted by the Liberal candidate.

Meeting Arranged.

Friday, Oct. 13.—Town Hall Square, 7.30 p.m.

MR. STUART WORTLEY AND THE BILL.

The Right Hon. C. B. Stuart Wortley, K.C., M.P., has written to Mr. Harry Fisher, of Sheffield:—"I shall be glad if you will represent me . . . as fully intending to continue in the future the support that I have given in the past sessions to what is known as the Conciliation Bill, and as desiring also to resist all wrecking amendments to that Bill."

A CALL TO MR. LLOYD GEORGE.

The Rev. T. Rhondda Williams and Miss Christabel Pankhurst, LL.B., addressed a meeting organised by the Free Church League for Woman Suffrage, on Tuesday last, during the sittings of the Congregational Union. A large number of ministers and other delegates were present.

Mr. Rhondda Williams, who is a delegate to the Congregational Conference, appealed specially to the ministers and members of the Free Churches to come out strongly in favour of the women's movement, and especially in passing the Conciliation Bill in the next session. That the Churches were slow to move in the matter was only too evident. Always with exceptions, the general fact was that very few ministers as yet had spoken publicly in favour of the movement, neither had the subject had any place on the official programme of any religious denomination or the Free Church Congress, so far as he knew. Another reason was the relation which had existed for a long time between the Free Churches and the Liberal Party—not a formal one, but nevertheless real. The Churches in politics had become the appendages of the political parties. Mr. Williams then spoke eloquently of the women's movement in its religious and moral aspect.

Miss Pankhurst, in opening her speech, declared that every word of Mr. Williams' address might have been spoken by a woman, and expressed most fully all that women themselves feel on the subject. She remarked that party made a strong call to most of them, but the suffragists in vindication of their political rights had had to cut the party tie, and until party did something for them they were prepared to do nothing for party.

Describing the Conciliation Bill as a very simple, democratic measure to make the household suffrage a reality instead of a pretence, Miss Pankhurst characterised Mr. Lloyd George as an enemy of the movement. The Chancellor, she said, had never done one stroke for the women's cause since he came into politics. ("No, no.") Those were hard words she was using, but it was fair to him and to his supporters that they should say precisely how they felt about his policy of widening the Bill, which they were assured would prove fatal to its prospects of becoming law. The suffragists were only too anxious to be converted, but at present they were convinced his policy was hostile to their chances. They called upon Mr. Lloyd George to make his position clear at the earliest possible moment. They did not desire to misjudge the Chancellor of the Exchequer, but having considered his actions and utterances up to the present day, they could form but one opinion, and that was that his object was to prevent the Conciliation Bill from being carried next Session, and thus to destroy the possibility of women getting the Vote during the present Parliament. If, however, Suffragists were wrong, and these fears were groundless, they were eager that Mr. Lloyd George should make a statement proving this to be the case. He was to speak the following Saturday at Whitefield's Tabernacle. She hoped that he would make this the occasion of clearly stating his intentions with regard to the Conciliation Bill in a manner which they and all the world could understand. At present, Suffragists believed him to be their enemy, but if he was their friend—and a very powerful friend he could be—they wanted to know it without more delay.

In the course of his address, Mr. Williams spoke in terms of highest appreciation of the paper VOTES FOR WOMEN. Both speakers were heartily applauded at the close of the meeting.

THE PIT-BROW WOMEN.

Miss Annie Kenney has gone to Wigan to organise a special campaign for the pit-brow women. She reports that a meeting of pit-brow women will be held next Wednesday, October 18, in the Co-operative Hall, Dorman Street, to protest against the clause in the Mines Bill which proposes to abolish all women's labour on the pit brow. The meeting will call upon the Government to give them the only real safeguard against these attacks upon woman's right to work—i.e., the Parliamentary Vote. Mr. Stephen Walsh, M.P., has very kindly consented to take the chair, and Miss Kenney will speak. Miss Kenney makes a strong appeal to all interested in the work in Wigan to send her cheques or postal orders towards the expenses incurred in this special piece of organisation. All communications to be addressed to Miss Annie Kenney, 9, Swinley Road, Wigan.

WHO COMES NEXT?

We publish this week another good list of new subscribers. Dr. Marion Mackenzie heads the list with thirteen, seven of whom get their paper from local newspapers. Then follow Mrs. Offer with six, and Miss Turnbull with five. Those members who have not yet fulfilled their promises should be encouraged to do so now. No one has yet come near Miss Raleigh, who, it will be remembered only promised three and sent in the grand total of thirty-five. The paper has now been placed in the reading room at Dudley Library.

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Miss Christabel Pankhurst Addressing the Meeting Outside Holloway.

(General Press Photo.)

of two groups of women wearing the badges of the different Suffrage societies were to be seen gathering in Kingsway. Cheerfully the crowds waited in a drenching downpour until the signal was given to start, and then to the strains of the "Marseillaise" and the "Women's March," played by a double band at the head of the procession, they set off for Holloway via High Holborn, Tottenham Court Road, and Hampstead Road. From end to end the procession was one mass of colour, predominant being the purple, white, and green: Miss Clemence Housman, Miss Christabel Pankhurst, Miss Sylvia Pankhurst, Lady Constance Lytton, Mrs. Kington Parkes, and Mrs. Cobden Sanderson were among those who led the procession.

A mass meeting was afterwards held outside the prison. Miss Pankhurst said they were assembled to honour one whose name would live in history; one who had made a sacrifice in order to vindicate the great and age-long principle that taxation and representation should go together. That principle, which was the foundation of the British Constitution, was one for which brave men all down history had fought and died, and it was one which the women of to-day were not ashamed to champion, and they were prepared, as Miss Housman had been, to go through Holloway, if need be, to teach the Liberal Government the principles of the British Constitution, which they profess to revere.

Mr. Laurence Housman said Miss Housman had done what man in the past would have been ashamed not to do; she had fought in the name of constitutional liberty. He ventured to think that there was not a man in the audience who would not do exactly the same thing if they were denied representative Government. The spirit of democracy had arisen among women as well as among men. It was for that reason that they were demanding the vote, and for that reason they would be enfranchised.

Mrs. Kington Parkes said she wanted to know why we had a statue in the House of Commons to John Hampden for resisting unjust taxation and why we had a woman in prison for doing the same thing. The Government evidently realised that they were in difficulties with regard to women's tax resistance, for they dealt with almost every

man on her protest and condemning the action of the Government was carried with one dissentient.

OTHER MEETINGS.

Under the auspices of the Women's Tax Resistance League a meeting was held in Hyde Park last Sunday afternoon in order to explain to the public why women are resisting Imperial taxation and why Miss Housman was sent to prison. Mrs. Louis Fagan presided, and made an eloquent speech. The other speakers were Miss Amy Hicks, M.A., Mrs. Cobden Sanderson, and Mrs. Kington Parkes, and the audience was such a large one and so attentive that it has been decided to continue these Sunday afternoon meetings during October. Next Sunday the chair will be taken by Miss Gertrude Eaton, and the speakers will be Mrs. Cobden Sanderson, Miss Nina Boyle, and others. On Wednesday Mrs. Louis Fagan, who is a member of the committee of the Women's Tax Resistance League, started on a speaking tour with Mrs. Kington Parkes. The first meeting was held in Liverpool that night under the auspices of the W.S.P.U., on Thursday night at Chester under the auspices of the Women's Freedom League, and on Friday night (W.S.P.U.).

Miss Moorhead, a member of the W.S.P.U. in Dundee, who has refused to pay her taxes, amounting to £2 3s. 2d., had her goods distrained upon, and a public sale was held on Wednesday.

A PRESS VIEW.

The *Kingston News*, in a leading article, says:—"Her grievance is that she, paying Imperial taxation, gets nothing in the way of Parliamentary representation. A cultured, law-abiding, honourable citizen, she is denied the essential privilege of citizenship, the right to join with other citizens in the election of the person who shall represent the borough wherein she dwells in the incidence and allocation of the taxation to which she contributes her due share. . . . And all are admitted to that registration which is Parliamentary salvation—except they be guilty of womanhood. That is the stigma, the black mark that binds. . . . When will the tragic farce draw to a closer? When will common sense and common justice ring the curtain down on it? When our land is ruled by statesmen, not mere politicians."

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The married woman lives in the seclusion of the harem, always veiled, and usually attended when she goes out. Having no education and no freedom, she has no interests. She is not a companion to her husband; she does not even know how to train her children; she does no work even in the house; her time is spent in shopping at the bazaars, in doing her toilet, in thinking of her clothes, and in gossip. Small wonder that she spends many hours in sitting still and listless. The author describes these women, fat from want of exercise, dressed in costly, elaborate, and shapeless garments, sometimes with a most incongruous Western touch, with dyed hair, and a profusion of jewellery.

Such is the average woman. But let us turn to the brighter side of the picture. Many of the girls now attend foreign schools, and a few have actually taken their degree. The men are beginning to realise that something is lacking. One of them said to the author, "I would like to marry, but we have no women fit to be wife to a thoughtful man; I can't marry a baby." In the revolution of 1898 women helped in many secret ways. One of the girls in an American school wrote, "We as well as the men have suffered, and we must also have our freedom." Another wrote to the *Nation* a few years ago a pathetic appeal:—

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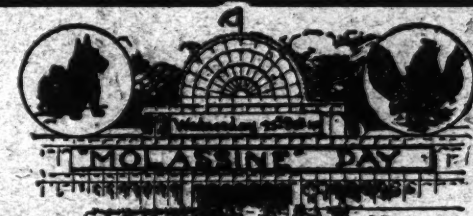
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"That women should possess the vote," said Mme. Bernhardt, "is the merest justice. All the political philosophies that man has invented have as yet produced no sensible argument against woman's claim to say what shall be the nature of those laws to which she shall conform. So long as she is expected to be the custodian of the children and to rear them up to good citizenship women must in reason be accorded the right to participate in choosing the law makers who will assure her the right to educate according to her own natural and eugenic instincts, with a view to the production of the highest type. That question is one for the woman long before it becomes one for the man. Of course, man falls back on intelligence as being a monopoly of his sex. There is, for example, a fashionable belief prevalent among the opponents of woman suffrage that—so the formula goes—all intelligence in woman is but a reflection of the intelligence in man. The simple logic of this proposition must be that if man did not exist, woman would possess no intelligence whatsoever. Seriously, however, so long as you allow woman to be the help and counsellor in the family, you allow her really the most important role in society, and I do not see how she can be refused the vote—which, in any case, she is going to get. I can see it coming in France; and I can say from my observation that it is certain that women count as the most important factor in the family and social life of America, whose civilisation is impressing its characteristics more and more upon European life."



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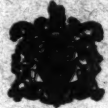
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WHO PAYS THE EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTION?

It is the cardinal principle of the National Insurance Bill that for each individual compulsorily insured the premium is divided into three parts. The first part is contributed by the workman, the second by the employer, and the third by the State; and it is commonly assumed by those who have not thought the matter out for themselves, that the actual burden of each part of the contribution will invariably fall upon the party who is responsible for it. In particular, it is assumed that the only part of the premium which will be a charge on the pocket of the workman will be the first part, which he directly contributes.

Thus we have Mr. Lloyd George saying that the Bill provides for a gift to the working classes of no less than seventeen million pounds per annum—a sum made up of the 5d. a week jointly contributed by the State and the employer on behalf of each of the twelve million men and four million women who are expected to come under its provisions. Again, with the view of meeting the criticism that the sweated woman worker cannot spare even a single penny from her wages, we have had the resolution carried by the Trade Union Congress calling for an amendment of the Bill, so that in such a case the whole of the contribution shall be paid by her employer.

Now as to the contribution of the State, there is not much doubt as to the ultimate shoulders on whom the burden falls. It is borne by the tax-payers, rich and poor, and there is no way in which the burden can be shifted elsewhere. But the contribution nominally paid by the employer is in an altogether different position. And the fact that a clause in the Bill (section seven of the third schedule) expressly provides that the employer shall not deduct it from the wages of his employee does not settle the question, as might off-hand be supposed.

A simple illustration, borrowed from a different com-

mercial relationship will explain how this can be so. In the agreement for letting a house it is sometimes provided that the tenant shall pay rates and taxes, at other times it is provided that they shall be paid by the landlord. But no one supposes that the tenant is better off under the latter arrangement than under the former, for the simple reason that the rent is adjusted accordingly. When the landlord agrees to pay rates and taxes he charges more rent, that is all; and thus the burden of the rates and taxes, though paid directly by the landlord, really falls upon the tenant.

The problem as to who pays the employer's contribution under the Insurance Bill is more complicated, because there are here three persons to consider—the workman, the employer, and the consumer who buys the articles which are produced. The employer has three courses open to him. He can bear the new impost himself, he can try to take it out of the consumer by raising the price of his goods, or he can try to take it out of the wages of his workpeople. Naturally he will not be anxious to pay it out of his own pocket, though there will be cases in which the employer has been previously in the habit of paying wages to his workpeople while temporarily ill, where he will simply substitute the new statutory burden for the old voluntary one which he has borne already. But generally he will endeavour to shift the burden on to other shoulders. Can he do it? The answer will depend on circumstances. Let us commence by taking a few concrete illustrations.

A master builder after the passing of the Bill will find that for every man whom he employs he has to meet a charge of 3d. a week. Assuming an average wage of 30s. a week, this will mean that he will have to pay the equivalent of an increase of about one per cent. on wages. He will know that an attempt to reduce wages all round by this amount will bring about a conflict with very powerful Trade Unions; on the other hand, if he adds this small additional outlay to the bill which he sends in to his customer, it is no use the customer grumbling, for probably every other British builder will do the same. The employer's contribution will therefore ultimately come out of the pocket of the consumer (i.e., the customer for whom the house is being built); and the same thing will happen in every case where the consumer is in a weak position and the workpeople, owing to their organisation, are in a strong one.

A slightly different result will be produced when the employer is faced, on the one hand, by a strongly organised body of workpeople, and, on the other, by consumers safeguarded by world-wide competition. In this case the conflict will be severe and the result uncertain. Probably the burden will eventually be divided between workman, employer, and consumer, and as the share of each will be comparatively small, it will pass unnoticed among other more important changes.

Take now the case of a factory which employs a large number of girls and young women, with wages ranging from 6s. a week to 12s. a week. In this case, though the wages are much lower, the employer is called upon to pay a larger contribution per head, amounting to 4d. a week, and, in some cases, if I read the Bill aright, to 5d. a head of his employees. This addition to his expenditure, instead of amounting to 1 per cent. of his wages bill, amounts to something like 5 per cent. He may possibly try to squeeze some of this out of the consumer by raising prices, but he will certainly also try to take a part or the whole of it out of his workgirls. The Insurance Bill will not, of course, allow him simply to deduct it from their wages, but it cannot prevent him from giving all his workgirls a week's notice and offering to re-engage them in a week's time at wages reduced by 4d. or 5d. (or perhaps even 6d.) from what they were before. Or, if this be too drastic a step, and public opinion can be brought so strongly to bear as to make it impossible he can achieve the same result after a little delay in a manner to escape all criticism. It is usual for girls to commence work at very low rates, say, 6s. a week, or even less; after a certain time their wages are increased, and this goes on regularly till the maximum is reached. The employer has it in his power, either by postponing the rise of wages or by reducing the amount of the rise, to bring about a level of wages lower by the amount of the contribution than what would have been the case if the Insurance Bill had not been passed. This virtual reduction of wages will, undoubtedly, in a large number, probably in the vast majority, of women's factories take place, for the simple reason that the workers will be too weak to resist it.

The answer to the question who pays the employer's contribution, is, therefore, as follows:—In the case of highly-paid and well-organised labour (being almost entirely that of men) it will generally be paid by the consumer, through a rise of prices in the articles manufactured. In the case of the miserably paid, badly organised labour of sweated women, it will mainly be deducted from the wages of the worker, whose plight will be rendered all the worse from the fact that she is a consumer of the other articles whose price has been raised.

Verily, the Insurance Bill in this and its other effects carries out the saying, "To him that hath shall be given, and from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath."

F. W. Pethick Lawrence.

THE HOLLOWAY POLLING BOOTH.

By Miss Clemence Housman.

Extracts from her Speech Delivered outside Holloway on Saturday, October 7.

Friends, in thanking you for all your sympathy which has brought you here to-day, I want to point out to you two things; firstly, that I have been doing *without* the vote what men do *with* the vote,—I have been registering my opposition to the Government; and, secondly, wherein lies the difference between the position of men and women to-day.

Both men and women are responsible human beings. Their responsibility is not created by any Parliament, and no law can take away or destroy the responsibility of any man or any woman.

They are alike in responsibility, but there is this great difference: The Government of our country recognises the responsibility of men, and offers facilities for them to exercise it easily and in an orderly way by going to the poll and choosing a representative to sit in Parliament. This representative will duly see to their interests, and do their business for them, exercising due control over the money they pay, criticising the conduct of the Government, and scrutinising the new laws which they will have to obey. But the Government does not recognise the responsibility of women, and forces them to use means, if they insist on exercising it, which are in many cases abhorrent. These means I used.

The law forbade me to go to the poll and vote for a representative who would then speak for my interests in Parliament. I saw that in order to exercise my responsibility I, personally, must take such steps as were necessary. I was perfectly convinced that if it is unconstitutional to levy taxation without representation it is also unconstitutional to pay taxes to an unrepresentative Government. And I was determined that I would not do that again. I accepted the conditions imposed by law upon women. Those conditions you know. The process by which they are carried out is very lengthy, very costly and very unpleasant both to the Government, as I would fain believe, and also to the women themselves.

How Men Vote.

Now, I want you to compare what men have to do to exercise the vote with what women have to do. All that men have to do is to take a little trouble—I believe the election agents generally do it for them—to get their names put on the register. And then when an election comes round they go down to the poll and mark a paper; it takes them a few minutes. I believe it is very frequently the custom that they are taken to and from the poll by some supporter of the candidate for whom they are going to vote, in a motor car. After that their representative does everything for them. And for doing that business their representative is paid £400 a year, to which women have to contribute as well as men.

You must remember that women are not allowed by law to have a representative. They have to do the whole business themselves. Beginning with the tax-collector whom I saw in Swanage last November, I have had numerous communications and notices of what would happen if I did not pay. I was served with a writ. (An official had to come up from a town at a considerable distance to do it.) I was summoned to appear in the High Court. I did not do so because I was told that the matter could be settled in my absence. How long it took them I don't know. Judgment was given against me: I was ordered to pay the tax and also the cost of the proceedings. I refused to do this. A good deal of correspondence went on between the officials at Somerset House and myself. And finally I was arrested and taken to Holloway.

That is a very lengthy and cumbersome and expensive preliminary for the exercise of what corresponds, in a woman's case, to the vote. It cost the Government a good deal. I was told that more than £5 altogether had been incurred by these proceedings. When they were finished I was brought to the gates of Holloway. It seemed to me that Holloway was my polling booth; that I was going there to register my vote against the Government which taxes women without giving them representation.

Now that I have registered it, I am able to tell you a few of the details which I had to go through in order to do so. I must remind you that when men go to the

polling booth they sign the paper and the business is done. When I go the business is very lengthy. I am shown into a room, and then I have to see the doctor, who inquires if my heart is all right. I assure him that it is. I am then told to give up my money and my hat-pins and jewellery. Then I am weighed. Then I am measured. Men don't have to go through all that when they go to the polling booth and register their vote! Then I am taken to my cell: in my case I was in that prison cell for a week.

I cannot tell you exactly why I was let out at the end of the week, because, I believe, according to law I was to be kept there until I paid, and as I never intended to pay it would have been equivalent to sentencing me for the term of my natural life. I did not think that was possible. It seemed to me so ridiculous. So I wrote to the Home Secretary, and asked him if he would please say how long I was to be imprisoned. I did not ask to be released. I really wished to see how the law worked in the case of a woman who registered her vote in the women's polling booth over there in Holloway. But I did not get any satisfactory answer from the Home Secretary. He declined to say. But that very day, about half an hour later, the order came from the Inland Revenue Department that I was not to be detained any longer. And after that there were a few more preliminaries; I had to sign my name two or three times more, and then I was at liberty. Then I felt I had done my best, and that I had effectually registered a woman's vote in the way that is provided for women by Parliament in the women's polling booth at Holloway. And I hope many other women will follow me and give their vote before long as I have done.

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Miss O. A. Little	1 0 0	Mrs. Murray	1 0 0
Lady Maud Warrender	5 0 0	Mrs. Pryce	0 5 0
Miss B. B. Ross	6 0 0	Mrs. Smyth	0 3 6
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Miss Florence M. Wright	5 0 0	Miss Roberts	0 1 0
Miss A. Margaret Robertson	1 1 0	Mrs. Taylor	0 5 0
Miss M. E. Kendall	0 1 0	Per Miss L. Mitchell	0 1 0
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Nurse A. Hutchinson	2 0 0	Per Miss A. Pankhurst	1 10 9
Miss Bertha Kitch	0 2 0	Per Miss D. Pethick	0 3 6
Miss Dorothy M. Muir	0 5 0	Mrs. Fordham	1 0 0
Miss Pine and Miss Townsend	3 3 0	Mrs. C. B. Griffiths	0 1 2
Tremayne Rodd, Esq.	1 1 0	Miss N. C. Feagan	0 1 1
Per Miss L. Ansell	0 1 0	Miss B. F. Hughes	0 3 3
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Miss Ives	0 2 6	Mrs. Barnes	0 3 5
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Miss Greenall	0 1 0	Miss Limes	0 3 2
Mrs. Cowen	0 8 0	Miss Parr	0 1 0
Mrs. Fletcher	0 6 0	Mrs. F. O. Shallow	0 3 6
Mrs. Clayson	0 6 0	Mrs. Tyler	0 6 9
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Miss Richardson	0 1 0		
Miss L. Stevenson	0 1 0		
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Miss Lees	0 0 8		
Mrs. Stimson	0 2 0		
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Mr. Pethick Lawrence's Leaflet "Is the English Law Unjust to Women?" will be ready next week, price 9d. per 100. 6s. per 1,000, post free.

A WOMAN'S HONOUR.

We congratulate the Personal Rights Association on the very splendid fight that they are making on behalf of a much-wronged woman. A year ago a respectable working woman, Miss Jessie Brown, between 30 and 40 years of age, was walking home from visiting a house of a friend, between 9 and 10 p.m. She was within a few minutes' walk of her residence, when she stopped for a moment at a window of a shop, at which she made some purchases. No sooner had she done so than two plain clothes constables seized her and forced her to go with them to the police court. On arriving there, she was charged by the constables with having importuned five men for the purpose of prostitution. Notwithstanding her protestations of complete innocence, she was placed in a police cell and kept there from Saturday night till Monday morning, when she was taken before a magistrate, and on the evidence of the policemen alone was found guilty of solicitation for the purpose of prostitution. The whole of the proceedings in the police court lasted only a few minutes. No copy of the charge or complaint was handed to her. Owing to the suddenness of the trial she had no opportunity of communicating with her friends or of obtaining the assistance of a solicitor, and was not aware that she was entitled to an adjournment of 48 hours. She was discharged with an admonition, the practical effect being to brand her as a prostitute. On being released she took steps to vindicate her character. Miss Brown was able, at the expense of undergoing a medical examination, absolutely to prove her innocence. Certificates were given by two of the most eminent medical men in Glasgow, which furnished complete evidence of the falsity of the charge. These certificates were shown to the chief constable and to the magistrate who had convicted her, with the view of getting her conviction expunged from the records of the court, but without result. An appeal was made to the Sheriff Court at Glasgow, and to Lord Pentland, Secretary for Scotland. The case has now been taken up by the Personal Rights Association at 11, Abbeville Road, London, S.W., and the whole story can be found in their report for 1910. In their monthly organ for October, 1911, they report that they are printing the whole of the correspondence with the Secretary for Scotland and the Glasgow Corporation, in this most serious case, and that they are now prepared to appeal to Parliament and to the public. The honorary secretary has written to Lord Pentland on behalf of the Committee of the Association—

that the matter cannot be allowed to rest where it is at present, and that they would not be doing their duty, which they have undertaken on behalf of a grievously wronged woman, if they were to permit it to end here. It is not merely Miss Brown's character and peace of mind which are at stake. If the Glasgow authorities be suffered permanently to brand her as a prostitute, this means that any local authorities can brand any woman of the poorer classes in this way.

Neither the Glasgow Corporation nor the Secretary for Scotland has endeavoured to justify, or even to excuse, the treatment to which Miss Brown has been subjected. The former has declined to make any pronouncement in the matter. The latter has declined responsibility on behalf of His Majesty's Government.

Suffragists know that such cases are all too common. We protest against the law which makes "soliciting" a punishable offence for women but not a punishable offence for men. The whole system lends itself to gross abuse. Women can be charged by the very men who have attempted to annoy them. The woman is unable to call witnesses to prove her innocence, and cases are disposed of in police courts in one or two minutes; the guilt of the accused is taken for granted, and an innocent woman is often sentenced to imprisonment, and in any event she loses her character for life. Any attempt to vindicate her reputation afterwards is not only exceedingly costly, but, owing to the way in which police authorities are hedged about with protection, is foredoomed to failure. The law which lends itself so inevitably to the victimisation of women needs urgent consideration and drastic reform.

With regard to the particular case of Miss Brown, we sincerely hope that the Government which had to admit its final responsibility for the action of its servants in falsely accusing a schoolboy of theft, and which was forced to give compensation in the well-known Archer-Shee case, will be brought, by the pressure of the Personal Rights Association, to acknowledge the error of its deputies, and to afford compensation to Miss Brown for the pain and shame to which she has been wrongfully subjected, and for the enormous outlay to which she and her friends have been driven in order to clear her character and reverse a scandalous miscarriage of justice.

DEATH OF A GREAT PORTUGUESE SUFFRAGIST.

The League of Portuguese Women and the women's cause in general has sustained a severe loss in the death of Donna Caroline Beatriz Angelo, president of the League, who died on Tuesday, October 3, at her residence, at the very early age of thirty-three. She had returned home from presiding over a meeting of the League when she complained of feeling ill. Almost immediately she was seized with great pain, and, in spite of all medical attendance and help, died two hours later.

Donna Caroline Angelo, widow of Dr. Ganyario Barreto, her cousin, was a native of Guarda, where she followed her medical studies, and passed examinations with every honour and distinction. She matriculated at the Portuguese school in Lisbon. She leaves behind her a little orphan, Marie Emilia, eight years old. This distinguished doctor was the greatest propagandist of the feminist cause in Portugal. Since the establishment of the Republic in that country she founded the League of Portuguese Women Suffragists, of which she was chosen president. She was also president of the Society of Humanity and the Society of Brotherhood. It will be remembered that Donna Caroline Angelo was the woman who secured the verdict of the courts in favour of woman suffrage in Portugal, and who recorded her own vote at the General Election. She was, therefore, the only woman who has ever voted in Portugal.

The funeral took place in Lisbon on Wednesday, October 4, and representatives of the various societies of which Dr. Caroline Angelo was either president or member were present to pay their last respects.

December 4 to 9.

STALLS AND STALL SECRETARIES.

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 Lodge, Wincanton,
 Somerset.
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 Scaradale Villas, Ken-
 sington.
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 hop's Mansions, Ful-
 ham, S.W.
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 mer's Green, N.
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 field Road, Bognor
 Park, Tunbridge
 Wells.
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 KERCHIEFS Miss Alice E. Horatio,
 38, Boarville Road,
 West, Polkstone.
 SWEET STALL Miss Muriel Thompson
 and Miss Leggett, 4,
 Queen's Gate, S.W.
 (1st. 3 days).
 TOY STALL Mrs. Gather, Red Co-
 tage, Cavendish Road,
 Redhill (2nd. 3 days)
 Miss Leonora Tyson,
 5, Shrubbery, Ryse,
 Streatham, S.W.
 UNDERCLOTHING Miss Nelly Cocker, 7,
 Carlton Street, W.
 tingham.
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 "VOTES FOR WOMEN") Woman's Press.

Suffragists should take no part in present at debates and meetings where Suffrage is being discussed. Two such will be held at the Small Hall of Queen's Langham Place, W., on Friday, October Twenday, November 6, at 5 p.m., when the question will be as follows:— "That it is of the best interests of the State that women should have the Parliamentary Franchise and all particulars may be obtained from the office of the National Organisation for Women, 115, Great Titchfield Street."

REDHILL.
 Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Cather, The Red Cottings,
 Cavendish Road.
 Sat., Oct. 14.—Ladbroke Road, Miss L. Tyson, 2 p.m.
 Wed., Oct. 18.—Carlton Room, members' meeting.

STANFORD-LE HOPE, ESSEX.

Hon. Sec. - Miss Bland, "Blowars."

Thanks to Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Nicholls for drawing-room meetings held during the last fortnight of September which were much appreciated. Helpers are needed.

WEST AND NORTH KENT

Organiser - Miss Evelyn Billing.

Office: The Pump Room, Tunbridge Wells.
Miss Vida Goldstein, Miss Naylor (chair), Miss Ethel Wrightwood will address a meeting in the Great Hall, on Tuesday, October 24, at 8 p.m. Tickets, 2s. (numbered and reserved), 1s. and gallery, 6d., are on sale at the office and at Mr. Pott's, Buxton, and the Pantiles. Gillingham members are asked to note that Mrs. Drummond has kindly promised to speak in the Masonic Hall on Tuesday, November 21.

Saturday, Oct. 14 - Little Mount Zion, 11.30 a.m.; Five Ways, 1.30 p.m.

The Midlands.**BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT.**

Office - 97, John Bright Street. Tel. 143 Midland Organisers - Miss Dorothy Evans and Miss Gladys Hazel.

Don't forget the poster parades that are held weekly on Saturday, at 11.15 a.m., and on Tuesday at 6.15 p.m. They are occasionally held on Tuesday at 7.15 p.m., to suit members who are not free before. Will any who find this time more convenient communicate with the organiser?

Sun., Oct. 15 - Dudley Labour Hall, Miss Gladys Hazel, Wed., Oct. 18 - Queen's College, Mrs. Bailliford, 8 p.m. Thurs., Oct. 19 - Northfield, Rathville School, Miss Jennings, 7.30 p.m.

COVENTRY, LEAMINGTON, WARWICK, RUGBY, AND STRATFORD-ON-AVON.

Office - 23, Earl Street, Coventry. Organiser - Miss Markwick.

A most successful meeting was held at Leamington on Thursday, October 5. Miss Markwick took the chair, and Mrs. Zengerill spoke in an charming manner that all present were deeply moved, and several new members were made and a collection taken. Miss Hall is heartily thanked for her splendid work in getting up the meeting so successfully. Leamington is to be congratulated on having so enthusiastic and able a captain. Fortnightly meetings will be held at Leamington on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month, at the Trocadero, at 7.30 p.m., and at Coventry Priory Assembly Rooms every 2nd and 4th Thursday, at 3 p.m. It is hoped all members and sympathisers will attend. Lord Lytton's meeting is drawing near, and there is a great deal of work to be done. Will members do their share?

Thurs., Oct. 19 - Leamington, Trocadero, Mrs. Brailsford, 7.30 p.m.

LEICESTERSHIRE AND NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

Office - 14, Bowling Green Street, Leicester. Tel. 1715 Leicester. Organiser - Miss Dorothy Petrick.

Members are urged to sell as many tickets as possible before the meetings for Lord Lytton and Miss Goldstein. Tickets, which include prizes and refreshments for the Social next Thursday, are also to be had at the shop. Offers of light refreshments for the Social will be most acceptable. It is hoped that each member will realise her individual responsibility about the sewing meeting, and come forward to help. Gifts of materials and money are also urgently needed. Gratefully acknowledged Mrs. Bennett (sale of bicycle) 21; material, Miss Gough and Mrs. Sanders.

Fri., Oct. 13 - Leicester, St. Martin's, G.F.S. Room, sewing meeting, 3.9 p.m.

Mon., Oct. 16 - Leicester, Victoria Galleries, The Earl of Lytton, Miss Vida Goldstein, 8 p.m.

Tues., Oct. 17 - Market Harborough, Co-operative Hall, Miss Vida Goldstein, Chair: Mrs. Pemberton Peake, 8 p.m.

Thurs., Oct. 19 - Leicester, Old Town Hall, Progressive Games Social, 8.15 p.m.

Fri., Oct. 20 - Leicester, St. Martin's, G.F.S. Room, sewing meeting, 3.9 p.m.

NOTTINGHAM.

Office - 4, Carlton Street, Tel. 211. Organisers - Miss Roberts and Miss Crocker.

Fri., Oct. 13 - Carrington, 8, Elms Grove, sewing meeting. Hostess: Mrs. Lee, 3.7 p.m.

Mon., Oct. 16 - Carrington, 26, Nolla Road, sewing meeting. Hostess: Mrs. Simmon, 3.9 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 17 - Wheelgate, Morley's Café, Mrs. Brailsford, Mrs. T. E. Shaw, 8 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 20 - 193, Wollaton Street, sewing meeting. Hostess: Mrs. Morell, 3.9 p.m.

TAMWORTH.

Organiser - Miss Gladys Hazel, 15, Heath Street, Tamworth.

Local members have been working devotedly to advertise next Wednesday's Assembly Rooms meeting and in selling tickets. There is still much work, however, that might be done, and further volunteers are wanted. Anyone who sympathises with the Cause, but is unable to attend the meeting, can render practical service by giving money, however little, to be added to the collection taken at the meeting.

Mon., Oct. 16 - Tamworth open air, Miss Hazel, 8 p.m.

Tues., Oct. 17 - Gloucester open air, Miss Hazel, 8 p.m.

Wed., Oct. 18 - Tamworth Assembly Rooms, Mrs. Drummond, Miss Dorothy Evans, Chair: Rev. H. A. Griffith, 8 p.m.

WALSALL.

Hon. Sec. - Mrs. E. H. Cottrell, 25, Sargeants' Hill. It is hoped all members and sympathisers will keep the evening of October 16, free. Mrs. Kington Parkes has kindly consented to speak on Tax Resistance, and Mrs. Louis Fagan on Suffrage Questions, and particularly women's labour. It is hoped all members will do their best to make this important and interesting meeting a great success.

Hon. Sec. - Miss Parr, Welby Grange, Wellingborough.

A campaign has been started in this district, and it is hoped to get a good meeting for Miss Vida Goldstein in the Central Hall on Wednesday, October 18. There is a great deal of work to be done, and members are asked to come forward and help in selling tickets and distributing handbills. A campaign fund has been started, and contributions of any amount will be gladly received by the Hon. Sec., as above, or by Miss Hughes, 65, Broad Green, Wellingborough. Members and sympathisers who cannot give personal service are asked to bear in mind this early means of helping out the Cause. Acknowledged: With thanks, Mrs. and Miss Parr, 21; Mrs. N. F. Sh. rusa, 21.

Wed., Oct. 18 - Wellingborough, Central Hall, Miss Vida Goldstein, Chair: Miss Dorothy Petrick 8 p.m.

West of England.**BATH.**

Shop - 12, Walcot St. Hon. Organiser - Mrs. Munnell. A good meeting was held in the Savoy Club on Friday evening, and at the Assembly Rooms on Saturday. Mrs. Haverdick's interesting speech was much appreciated. Thanks to a kind friend in the audience, an unusually good collection was taken. Three ladies, Mrs. Mayor, Miss Druce and a friend, also kindly contributed the sum required to pay for having a Votes for Women poster shown at the Midland Railway station. Two members promised to take 6 copies of the paper weekly, to sell in house-to-house canvassing. Will others not volunteer for this much needed work? Excellent reports of the Guildhall meeting have appeared in the local papers. The organiser appeals for contributions for the cake and candy Jumble Sale on October 21.

Cakes and sweets, as well as clothes, old and new, will be gladly received. Most gratefully acknowledged towards Stall Fund: Mrs. Graham, 22 (second contribution); Mrs. Moger, 21 1s.

Friday, Oct. 13 - Saw Close, Mrs. Munnell, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 14 - Shop, members' meeting, 2 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 20 - Saw Close, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 21 - Assembly Rooms, Mrs. Kington Parkes, Chair: Mrs. Louis Fagan, 3.30 p.m.

BRISTOL.

Office - 21, Queen's Road, Clifton, Tel. 1285. Hon. Organising Sec. - Mrs. Dora Wilcox.

The Autumn campaign has commenced in real earnest. While feeling keenly, Miss Kenney's loss members have realised that the time has come for her to devote her energies to fresh fields and pastures new. Various committees have been formed to cope with the ever increasing work, and whilst having now decided to become self-supporting, tenders his warmest thanks to Mrs. Young for consenting to fill the post of hon. treasurer. For sale, a very fine old Paisley Shawl, 27 1s. A 10s. Brownie Camera to be sold for 5s. Gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. Darley, 21; Mrs. Woodrow, 2s. 6d.; Two Sympathetic Agents in Australia, Per Annie Kenney, 21; Sale of Paisley Shawl 23 3s.; Collection, 22 10s.

Monday, Oct. 18 - Victoria Rooms, At Home, Miss Evelyn Sharp, 3.30 p.m.

CHELTENHAM.

Hon. Sec. - Mrs. Eadwald Ferguson, Redford Lodge, College Road.

A members' meeting was held on Thursday last to arrange matters of local organisation, to discuss plans for Autumn meetings, and to explain the Wootton Stall at the Christmas Fair.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

Organiser - Miss Platman, Oak Villa, Stratford Road, Stroud.

A most delightful At Home was given by Mrs. Sandford at Painswick last Friday afternoon, when Miss Evelyn Sharp gave a lucid exposition of the women's cause. In the evening a large audience assembled in the Institute, Stroud, when F. Gwynne Evans, Esq., was in the chair. The audience was most attentive, and appreciated all the points made by Miss Sharp. A good collection was taken, and many new members enrolled. Many thanks to all those who canvassed and helped to make the meetings such a triumph. Misses Robinson, Packer, Green, Hardy, Mrs. Bates, and Mrs. Gwynne Evans specially. On Saturday afternoon, Dr. and Mrs. Church kindly lent their home in Michelhampton, where another large audience gathered, with the same splendid results - more enthusiasm and members made. Miss Seymour Key and Mrs. Church are congratulated upon organising such a splendid At Home.

Mon., Oct. 16 - Chalfont, Nat. Schools, Miss G. Brackbury, Miss Platman, Chair: Miss Seymour Key, 8 p.m.

TORQUAY AND DISTRICT.

Hon. Sec. (pro tem.) - Miss Hutton, Redlands, Paignton.

The work-party on Wednesday, October 18, will be held by kind invitation of Mrs. Shaw, at Ryecroft, Paignton, at 2.30. It is hoped to have a yet larger number of helpers at these parties. Remember the West of England Stall is for fags and booklets of all descriptions, and there must be a good contribution.

WEST WILTS.

Hon. Sec. - Mrs. Dora Wilcox; Miss B. Gramlich, Springfield, Hinton Road, Trowbridge.

Thanks to Mrs. Williams, who so kindly lent a room at the George Hotel for the first members' meeting of the season. Autumn plans were discussed, and a work party arranged for the coming Fete and Fair. Tickets for Lord Lytton's meeting in November are now on sale, price 2s., 1s., and 6d.

Wales.**BARRY.**

Hon. Sec. - Mrs. F. G. Jones, 29, Gladstone Road.

The Annual Meeting was held on Wednesday, October 4, to elect officers for ensuing year. Miss Hamilton, B.Sc., was unanimously re-elected President, and a hearty vote of thanks was given to the retiring secretary, Miss Walton, for her strenuous labours on behalf of the branch. It is hoped that after a rest, Miss Walton will again take up the work in which she has been so eminently successful. Miss Griesbach, Treasurer, presented a very satisfactory financial statement, and arrangements were made for holding a bazaar before Christmas.

NEWPORT.

Office - 11, Stow Hill, Newport, Mon.

Hon. Sec. - Mrs. Humphrey Mackworth.

The drawing-room meeting given by Mrs. Morgan-Tredgar, on Wednesday, October 4, was most successful. New members were made, and many papers sold. Members and sympathisers willing to steward at Mrs. Petrick Lawrence's meeting, should meet in their own homes to the office. The regular weekly At Home commences on Wednesday, October 25, at the No. 2 room, Temperance Hall, at 3.30 p.m.

Mon., Oct. 16 - 11, Stow Hill, sewing meeting, 3.15 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 19 - Pontypool, Town Hall, Mrs. Petrick Lawrence, 8 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 20 - Newport, Temperance Hall, Mrs. Petrick Lawrence, Chair: Councillor John Nixon, 8 p.m.

Eastern Counties.**CLAYTON-ON-SEA.**

Shop - 47, Rosemary Road. Hon. Sec. - Miss Lilly, Holland House.

More parcels are needed for the Broomage Sale which will take place at the Station Hotel on October 31. Gifts of every description will be gratefully received and may be sent to the shop at the earliest possible date. "True Womanhood" will be on view every evening this week at the Operetta House; it is hoped that all who have not already visited this interesting play will take this opportunity of doing so. A meeting will be held at the Winter Gardens on October 27. Speakers: Mrs. Brailsford and the Rev. Claude Hine. The chair will be taken by Miss Hicks, M.A. Tickets for reserved seats may be had at 6d. each from the shop.

IPSWICH AND DISTRICT.

Shop - Dial Lane, Ipswich. Organiser - Miss Grace Roe, 10, Albert Street, Ipswich. Shop Sec. - Miss King.

The Jumble Sale was a great success, realising £10 6s. 2d. Miss Lillie Roe writes: "Thanks to all donors to Jumble Sale. Some parcels were unavoidably not acknowledged, owing to omission of address by senders." Special thanks to Mrs. Bailey, Miss Byford, Mrs. Everett, Miss Coates, Miss Elvey, Miss Piam, Miss Gentry, Miss Gooding, Miss Johnson, Miss King, Miss Lillie Roe, Miss B. Ridley, and all who gave such splendid help. The organiser hopes that members will concentrate now on Lord Lytton's meeting (see below). Many canvassers are hard at work, but the success of this meeting rests on each individual member undertaking her share of this work. Fellowship - Will members please note that the late train is running this autumn, which gives them an opportunity of bringing their friends to hear Lord Lytton? A work-party in connection with the produce stall will be held weekly, by the kindness of Mrs. Dexter, and members in this district are asked to communicate with Mrs. Belling, Woodford, Bath Road, Fellingthorpe, who is kindly undertaking all secretarial work.

Friday, Oct. 13 - Gorleston-on-Sea, Parryside, Work party, 5 to 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 17 - Felixstowe, Seaside, Leopold Road, Work party, 2.30 to 5.30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 18 - Ipswich, Co-operative Hall, East of Lytton, Miss Munnell, 8 p.m.

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A record number of members and friends have attended the At Home since the shop re-opened. Great interest is being shown in all the work. Four Saturday evening meetings (especially for householders) have been arranged, commencing October 21, when Miss Isabel Seymour will speak. Thanks to all who have kindly sent so many Jumble Sale goods.

Mon., Oct. 16 - 68, Manningham Lane, At Home, 4-6 p.m.

Thurs., Oct. 19 - Thornecliffe Laundry, Miss Isabel Seymour, 1.20 p.m.

Fri., Oct. 20 - Southfield Square, Drawing-room, Meeting, Miss Isabel Seymour, Hostess, Mrs. Lund, 3-5 p.m.

DONCASTER.

Hon. Sec. - Miss Rita Williams, Yorkshire Deaf Institution.

A branch meeting was held on Thursday, October 4, at the new Women's Institute, 10, South Parade, Mrs. Archdale presiding. It was decided that this Union should remain affiliated to headquarters, and officers were elected.

HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD.

Organiser - Miss Anna Williams, 1, Fitzwilliam St. West, Huddersfield.

The organiser hopes members will attend the meeting (see below), as she is anxious to meet them and their friends. The organiser hopes to arrange monthly and fortnightly meetings in the following districts: - Holmfirth, Miln, Sowerby Bridge, and the Colne Valley. (See Votes for Women for future announcements.) Will sympathisers in these places write to the organiser? Miss Christabel Pankhurst will speak in the Town Hall, Huddersfield, on Friday, November 3. A great deal of advertising must be done, and volunteers will be wanted to distribute handbills, &c. Subscriptions towards expenses will be gratefully received by the organiser. Further information will be given later. (See also p. 20 for interview with local M.P.)

Fri., Oct. 13 - Huddersfield, Parochial Hall, Miss Annie Williams, Chair: Miss B. Loventhal, 3.30 p.m.

Tues., Oct. 17 - Halifax, Mechanics' Institute, Miss Annie Williams, Chair: Dr. Helena Jones, 7 p.m.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT.

Organiser - Miss Mary Phillips.

Warmest congratulations to the members who have worked so faithfully, holding meetings, collecting, selling papers, &c., during the organiser's absence. Now all are embarking on the winter's work with renewed activity. Gifts of cakes, &c., should be sent to the Arts Club before 6 p.m. on Tuesday, addressed to Mrs. Swales. Members will be delighted to know that very suitable office premises have been secured at 6, Cookridge Street. Promises of goods or money for furnishing are urgently needed at once, and should be sent to Mrs. Swales, 7, Arlington Street. All who can help with cleaning are also requested to send names to her. The Bazaar, which is to be at above address till further notice. Miss Sedman has kindly volunteered use of her sewing machine for work parties. Tickets, price 2s. (reserved), and 1s. and 6d. (unreserved), are now on sale for the meeting on Oct. 31, when the speakers will be Miss Vida Goldstein and Lord Lytton. Best thanks to the friend who has kindly lent a typewriter, which is proving extremely useful.

Monday, Oct. 16 - 16, Hind Street, Beeston Hill, 7.30 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 17 - Leeds Arts Club, 3, Blenheim Terrace, Social, Mrs. Kington Parkes, Mrs. Louis Fagan, 7.45 p.m.

NEWCASTLE AND DISTRICT.

Office - 77, Blakett Street. Organiser - Miss Laura Alsworth.

The open-air campaign to advertise Miss Pankhurst's meeting is now in full swing. Will members help? Canvassing to sell tickets is being conducted, and more helpers are needed. The chair practices are being continued at the office for another month, and splendid results are expected at the Town Hall meeting. All members are reminded to concentrate all their energy upon working up the Town Hall meeting and the Bazaar. All kinds of advertisement plans have to be carried out. Volunteers are also wanted for Poster Parades to-morrow (Saturday), both morning and evening, also on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, the 25th and 26th. Gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. Marsh, 2s. 6d.; Returned fare, 2s. 1d.; Miss Violet Taylor, £10; collected for piano, 9s.

Friday, Oct. 13 - Hawthorn Works, Fort Banks, 1.30 p.m., Salford Road, Byker Bank, 6.20 p.m., Dalton Road, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 14 - Office, working party, 3 p.m., Haymarket, 7.30 p.m.

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Wednesday, Oct. 18.—Farnson's Works, 12.50 p.m.; Office, working party, 3 p.m.; Office, Choir practice, 7.30 p.m.; Slag Market, 7.30 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 19.—Scotwood Road, Electric Lights, 12.30 p.m.; Benwell, Clarn Street, 7.30 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 20.—Hawthorn Works, Forth Banks, 1.30 p.m.; Dalton Road, Shields Road, 7.30 p.m.

YORK.

Office—1, New Street, Telephone, 254.
Organiser—Miss Kay Jones.
Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Coulton, 25, Malbourn Street.
 Miss Ada Suffield addressed the first weekly meeting in the office on Saturday last. Mrs. Archdale took the chair, and a good collection was taken. At a members' meeting the same evening the new committee were elected, and consists of Mrs. Coulton, speakers' sec., Dr. Waller, treasurer, Miss Agnes Lafford, open-air meeting sec., Mrs. C. Saffell, votes for women sec., Sister Parsons, literature sec. Members are looking forward to Mr. Pethick Lawrence's visit in November. Helpers are wanted to distribute invitations for the weekly meetings to women municipal householders.
Saturday, Oct. 14.—Weekly meeting, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 18.—Sewing meeting, Hostess: Dr. Waller. Tea, 5 p.m.

North-Western Counties.

BIRKENHEAD.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. A. E. Abraham, 2, Kingsmead Road, 2.
 Members are urged to keep Friday, October 27, free, when a meeting will be held in the hall of the Oulton Conservative Club, with Miss Vida Goldstein as chief speaker. All members willing to help in making this meeting known are asked to communicate with Mrs. Abraham, also those who are willing to help in canvassing the women municipal voters.
BOLTON, BURY, AND DISTRICT.
Hon. Sec. (pro tem.)—Mrs. Margaret E. Farrington, 119, Dorset Street, Haigh, Bolton.
 Mrs. F. W. Coope begs to remind members and friends that subscription towards the winter campaign in support of the Conciliation Bill will be gratefully received by her. Gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. F. W. Coope, £2.2s.; Miss M. Martin, 5s.; Mrs. Farrington (profit on votes for women), 5s.

LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT.

Office—11, Renshaw Street, Tel. 361 Royal.
Organiser—Miss Davies.
 Helpers are needed for the Ormskirk meeting. It is proposed to form a Ladies' Choir for the Sun Hall Demonstration. Will musical members send in their names? Several artist members are forming a committee for the decorations on November 22. Will members willing to work under their direction also send in their names?

MANCHESTER.

Office—32, King Street, W.
Hon. Sec.—Miss L. Williamsen.
 Every Thursday has been fixed for members' meetings in the new office. All friends are welcome. In addition there will be monthly meetings in a bigger room for the general public. On Saturday, October 28, "How the Vote was Won" will be played by members in the Onward Buildings. Admission by programme, 6d. Please apply at the office. The guarantee fund for the month is so far 37s. 2s. is required to cover expenses and prepare for public meetings. Mrs. Ratcliffe, the hon. treasurer, hopes to hear from all members during the week. Miss Wallwork is willing to take out new volunteers for paper-selling every evening. Please volunteer, especially for the Gaiety Theatre pitch, on Fridays and Saturdays.

PRESTON, ST. ANNE'S-ON-SEA AND DISTRICT.

Organisers—Mrs. Rigby, 25, Winckley Sq. are, Preston; Miss Johnson, the Hydro, Lytham.
 Help will be welcomed for the working up of a meeting (for teachers) in the Lecture Hall, Lancaster Road Congregational Church, on Saturday, October 28, at 7.30 p.m. Admission free, but a collection will be taken. Members are also invited to increase the circulation of VOTES FOR WOMEN during this year.
Wednesday, October 18.—Preston, 15, Cannon Street, Members' Business Meeting, 8 p.m.

ROCHDALE.

Office—2a, Baillie Street. Hon. Lit. Sec.—Mrs. M. Stott, 10, Mayfair Gardens, Rochdale.
 On Wednesday, October 4, the usual meeting and social combined was held, and farewell was said to a member who was leaving for New Zealand. The attention of members is drawn to Saturday, October 21, when it is proposed to have tea at 5 p.m. with a general meeting of members at 6.30 to discuss very important business.

SOUTHPORT.

Office—1, Post Office Avenue, Lord Street.
Hon. Sec. (pro tem.)—Miss G. Duxfield, 13, Ash Street, Southport.
 A successful re-union was held on Wednesday, Oct. 4, at the Post Office Avenue. During the evening there was a satisfactory sale of literature, and new members were enrolled. Refreshments and a good collection closed the evening. Members are reminded that these gatherings are to be held fortnightly, the next being Wednesday, Oct. 18, at 7.30 p.m. Monthly subscriptions are now due.

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Mon., Oct. 16.—Liscaud Concert Hall, Social, 8 p.m.

Scotland.

ABERDEEN.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Lucy Nicholson, 45, Queen's Road.
 Members are asked to do their utmost to make Mrs. Pethick Lawrence's meeting a tremendous success. Canvassing, bill distributing, and ticket selling must be done. Will all those willing to help please communicate with Miss Gorrie, who has come up from Edinburgh to organise the meeting?
Sat., Oct. 14.—Wallace Monument, Miss Gorrie, 8 p.m.

DUNDEE AND EAST FIFE.

Office—St. Katherine's. Organiser—Miss Fraser Smith, M.A. Hon. Sec.—Miss McFarlane.
 The first weekly meeting of the season was held on October 4. Miss May Grant gave an interesting account of women's position in India, and made a rousing appeal to those present to help the woman's movement in every possible way. Tickets and handbills for Mrs. Pethick Lawrence's meeting on October 26 can be had at the office, and it is hoped that every member will make a point of disposing of at least half a dozen tickets. Dr. Grant has kindly consented to preside. Miss McFarlane makes an appeal for more paper-sellers. Any member or friend who would be willing to lend her drawing-room for a meeting this winter is requested to send in her name as soon as possible.

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 Miss Wylie gave a delightful and invigorating speech at the first weekly meeting of the season held on Thursday last. Some new members were enrolled. An open-air demonstration was held on Friday, protesting against the imprisonment of Miss Houseman. Miss Muriel Scott quickly won the sympathy of the crowd and the resolution was carried with enthusiasm (one dissentient). The great meeting in the Synod Hall on October 24 is drawing near; members are urged to devote the remaining ten days to canvassing, bill distributing, etc. Mrs. Rosendine, Hon. Sec. for Portobello, begs all members in the district to be present at the At Home on October 17, when winter plans will be discussed.
Tuesday, Oct. 17.—Portobello, Bath Street Hall, At Home, 8 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 19.—Oak Hall, Princes Street, Miss Burns, M.A. Chair, Miss Helen M. Login, 8 p.m.

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND.

Shop and Office—502, Sauchiehall Street.
Tel.: 614, Charing Cross. Organiser—Miss Wylie.
 Last Friday's At Home may be taken as a good omen for the attendance was a record. Princess Bariatsky gave a most interesting and stimulating address, which was warmly appreciated. The collection was a good one, and 54 VOTES FOR WOMEN were sold. Will members please volunteer at once for help in arranging meetings in the various municipal wards for women voters? Gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. Craig, 10s.; Mrs. Reid, £1; A Friend (per Miss Barrowman), 10s.
Friday, Oct. 16.—Charing Cross Hall, At Home, Miss Vida Goldstein, 3.15 p.m.; Kilmarneck, Oddfellows' Hall, Miss Vida Goldstein, 8 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 20.—Charing Cross Hall, At Home, Miss Burns, M.A.

SPEAKERS' CLASS.

Hon. Election Mistress—Miss Rosa Lee, 45, Ashworth Mansions, Elgin Avenue, W.
Hon. Secretary—Miss Hale, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.
 The subject for to-night's class will be "The Danger of Widening Amendments to the Conciliation Bill," and it is hoped that everyone will come with their speeches fully prepared. Miss Lee wishes it to be understood that everyone who attends these classes must be prepared to speak if called upon, and also that only intending speakers can be admitted. The subject for next week will be "Adult Suffrage."

RULES.

1. Members of the W.S.P.U. only are eligible.
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 A meeting for members and friends will be held at 4, Clements Inn (Room 72), on Tuesday next, Oct. 17, at 7 p.m. Short speeches will be made and, as there

are some new plans to be discussed, members are asked to make a special point of attending. The appeals for paper-sellers for Ludgate Hill and Liverpool Street have been well responded to, but more workers are wanted, and the secretaries would be glad to hear from anyone with a few free hours a week. Meanwhile, goods are coming steadily in for the Jumble Sale. These can be sent to Miss Maguire.

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Hon. Organising Sec.—Victor D. Duval.

The committee desire to thank all those who rendered such invaluable help as banner carriers and marshals on Saturday last. The second joint demonstration, held in Hyde Park last Sunday afternoon, between the M.P.U. and the Women's Tax Resistance League was once again most successful and large. Miss E. W. Davidson, Mr. Franklin, and Mr. Mark Wilks addressed the M.P.U. meeting, where a similar resolution to that passed at Holloway was carried with but one dissentient. There are still a few Albert Hall tickets left at 2s. 6d. each, to be obtained through a member of the M.P.U., application for which should be made soon.

Speakers' Class.—If sufficient names are sent in, this class will start on Monday, October 16, but there must be a "quorum." It is hoped that members will not lose this opportunity of learning from Miss Rosa Leo, and for terms apply to the secretary.

Birmingham.—Help and money are urgently required for the autumn campaign. All communications and donations should be sent to Mr. H. B. Wilson, 52, Holly Road, Handsworth.

Treasurer's Note.—Although the list of donations below is larger than usual, it must be remembered that the war-chest has been considerably dredged during the summer months. It is hoped members will realise that office expenses have to be met and campaigns to be paid for; we shall be very grateful, therefore, if they and their friends will subscribe as liberally as possible to our special Autumn Campaign Fund.

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Members took part in the Procession to Holloway on Saturday last, led by the President and members of Committee, best thanks to the "Men's Leaguers," who so nobly carried the banner. Miss Isabel Seymour will speak at the office "At Home," on Tuesday, October 17, at 4.15 p.m., and Mrs. Hartley will be the hostess. On Friday evening, October 20, Mrs. Cecil Chapman will speak at the Grand Hotel, Folkestone, on "Marriage and Divorce," at the request of members who belong to the Folkestone Debating Society. On the following Saturday, Mrs. Cecil Chapman will again speak at a drawing-room meeting, kindly given by Mrs. Kenny. A few cards are available for members' friends, on application to a committee member. Jumble Sale parcels are still wanted and should be sent to the office at once, marked "Jumble Sale." Best thanks to Mrs. Hartley, Mrs. and Miss Forsyth and Mrs. Innes for subscriptions towards a typewriter. Who will follow their example and complete the fund?

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Hon. Organising Secs. (pro tem.)—Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, 4, Cholmeley Park, Highgate, N.
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To-day (Friday) a meeting will be held at Caxton Hall at 8 p.m. Speakers: Lady Spicer, Rev. C. Fleming Williams, Miss Winifred Cullis, D.Sc. Admission free. An open debate will be held at Highgate Congregational Church on Monday, October 16, at 8 p.m. Chair: Rev. D. MacLay, M.A. Opener: T. O. Mitchell, Esq. Miss L. H. Turquand, 73, Tremaine Road, Anley, S.E., requests notices of meetings, to arrive not later than Saturday night. Handbills and tickets should be enclosed.

CYMRIC SUFFRAGE UNION.

President—Mrs. D. A. Thomas.
Hon. Sec.—Mrs. M. E. Davies, 87, Racton Road, Fulham, London, S.W.

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Every effort should be made to make the public meeting at the small Queen's Hall, Langham Place, on October 28, at 8 p.m., a great success. Mrs. Walter Roeb, the wife of the M.P. for Pembrokeshire, will take the chair. Miss Abadam and Mrs. Clayton have kindly consented to speak. Will members write at once saying what they will do? Gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. Costigan, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Groves, 2s.

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The large attendance at the Criterion meeting, on Friday last, proves that the popularity of Women's Suffrage is by no means on the wane. Mrs. Ben Webster, who presided, in a graceful and sympathetic little speech, welcomed the enterprise of the Standard, and expressed the determination that the Conciliation Bill should go through. Father Adderley referred to the influence which Christianity had had in the past in improving the position of women, and the sympathy he felt as a Churchman with the Woman's Movement to-day. As an adult Suffragist, he urged women not to wait till they could all obtain a vote, but to take a limited measurement as an instalment. Mr. Gerald Conington, whose work in a poor part of St. Pancras gives him authority to speak on the question, urged the necessity of the Suffrage to better the conditions of working women and girls. Miss Muriel Walters and Mr. Housman also spoke. Miss Gertrude Inglis, F.R.A.M., opened the programme by singing "The Awakening," and Miss Blyth Olive recited. A most interesting and beautiful feature in the matinee at the Lyceum Theatre, on October 27, will be a tableau, arranged by Sir George Frampton, R.A. The picture, which illustrates a song by Teresa del Riego, called "The Awakening of Women," to be first sung by Miss Marie Stuart, will be represented by a bevy of some of the most beautiful women on the stage, including Miss Lily Brayton, Miss Alice Crawford, Miss Maud Crossall, Miss Phyllis Dare, Miss Mabel Love, and others.

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At the last weekly meeting a most interesting paper on "Infant Mortality" was given by Doctor E. Bell, followed by discussion. Many good suggestions were made, one of which was that a deputation should wait on the Principal at the Belfast Technical Institute with a view to inducing the authorities to start classes for mothers. Next week Mr. Porter, Barrister-at-Law, will give a paper on the "Insurance Bill as it affects Women." This lecture is specially prepared for this Society, and it is hoped members will show their appreciation of Mr. Porter's work by attending this meeting. Please remember Miss Christabel Pankhurst's Ulster Hall meeting on November 23. Tickets on sale or return from the secretary, 2s. and 1s. Volunteers badly wanted for poster parades and paper-selling.

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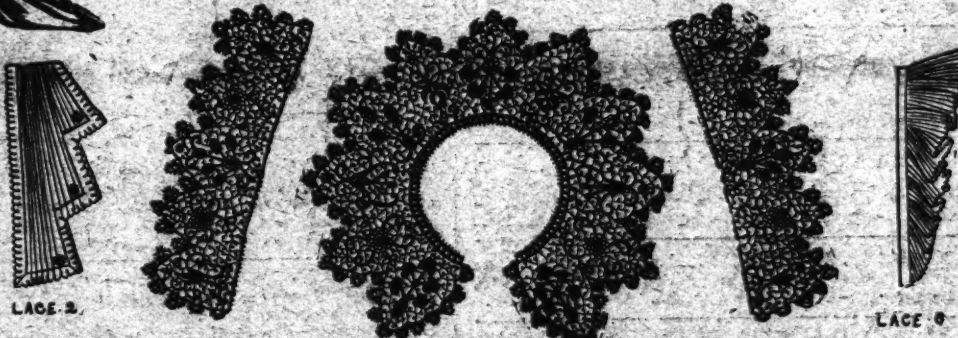
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